

## FBGA wish to clarify the following

Having been asked about this at a recent meeting with Scottish Civil Servants  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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Question 4 in the (draft) submission received was as follows quote;

4, “ Do you feel we have the balance right to ensure that the assessment is not ridged and inflexible? Does it offer enough transparency to allow consistency in decision making?

Answer: The balance appears right in terms of rigidity/flexibility.

### The definition of “appears” in the dictionary

If you **say** that something **appears to** be the way you **describe** it, you are **reporting** what you **believe** or what you have been **told**, though you cannot be **sure** it is **true**.

This response answer in the ( draft as marked by Scottish Government when we received it and responded) FBGA Commissioned assessment framework should not be viewed as anything else and not portrayed as it yesterday at the meeting which was unfortunate as it was clearly a distortion of the intended full response of the commissioned FBGA assessment framework.

FBGA and the FBGA commissioned practitioners would like to clarify that this previous answer and response to Question 4, was based on the parts of the assessment framework that the commissioned practitioners believed you **appeared** to strive to get it right. As one of the practitioners reflected on at the actual meeting [REDACTED]

Given the extensive written feedback and comments submitted which the commissioned submission arrived at which clearly highlighted that the original (draft) assessment framework was neither balanced nor flexible enough.

In addition to commissioned practitioners and FBGA,s representative well reasoned arguments put forward also at yesterday’s meeting why the current approach and scaled monetary models are rigid and inflexible, including that there is no scope in FBGA,s view and the commissioned practitioners for the Chair and Panel members to excercise their independence and impartiality.

Such rigid and inflexible scaled Redress models make it unlikely that individual panel members and Chair individually and collectively will be enabled to arrive at such independent and impartial decision making outside the scaled monetary box and by such rigidity and inflexibly. Not enabled to consider a unique individualised assessment on the survivors unique whole life experiences based on the real trauma that affected their whole life’s.

Including the FBGA representatives numerous references at the meeting of similar international redress scaled models where survivors have raised real concerns that such scaled redress monetary models as being proposed by the Scottish Government are rigid and inflexible by their very structure and make up.

I hope this clarifies the matter and avoids any potential for any misunderstanding, misrepresentation and misinterpretation going forward by any Scottish Government representatives.