

**29 April 2026**

Dear Ms Head,

I am writing to let you know that Redress Scotland has received an application for you to take over as nominated beneficiary for Mr Gerald Andrew Campbell Wilson's redress application. I can confirm that this was received by Redress Scotland from the Scottish Government casework team on 29 April 2026. May I first of all say that I am very sorry for your loss.

Redress Scotland is the independent body which makes decisions about applications to Scotland's Redress Scheme. We aim to treat everyone with dignity, respect and compassion and to be honest and clear in all our communication.

As Mr Wilson sadly passed away before his application could be fully completed, a Redress Scotland panel will now meet to determine whether you, as nominated beneficiary should be invited to take over his application. A panel is made up of 2 or 3 independent people who will meet together on a 'panel sitting day'.

We will write to you again as soon as we can to let you know the date that the panel will take place. We will also advise you if we have to change the date of the panel sitting day. We would normally expect the panel to take place within 7 months from when we received your application.

Unfortunately, this is likely to be longer than our 90 working day target for decision making for this type of application. I would like to apologise for this and to assure you that we will do everything we can to limit the time you have to wait as much as possible.

Once a panel is scheduled, all of the Panel Members will carefully read your application to take over as nominated beneficiary before the panel sitting day. On the day of the panel, they will come together to discuss whether the work carried out to date on the application is sufficient for a panel to make a decision. The decision the panel makes is called a "determination". If the panel feel that sufficient work has been carried out on the application, you will be invited to take over as nominated beneficiary.

If you are invited to take over as nominated beneficiary, the Panel Members will come back together to discuss the full application and make a final determination.

After each panel sitting day, the panel members will write a letter to let you know their decision and the reasons they made the decision. They will also provide information about next steps. This letter will be sent to your Scottish Government caseworker who will forward it on to you.

We recognise that this process may be distressing for you. Support is available to you through the Redress Support Service. If you would like speak to someone about support please contact Scotland's Redress Scheme on 0808 175 0808 (freephone).

You can find more information about Redress Scotland and the process for considering applications at [www.redress.scot](http://www.redress.scot). We regularly update information about timescales for decisions at [www.redress.scot/applying-for-redress](http://www.redress.scot/applying-for-redress). If you want to find out more about what is happening with your application now that it is with Redress Scotland, you can also contact us on 0300 244 9090 or [enquiries@redress.scot](mailto:enquiries@redress.scot).

Yours sincerely,



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