

	<p>The Board was informed that since the Judge Ryan Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse Report in May there had been a 40% increase in applications on the same period last year.</p> <p>It was suggested that in relation to the statistical evidence available that a meeting should be arranged with the Minister for Education and Science.</p> <p>The Board was asked to consider funding another member of staff to ease the backlog which now stands at eight weeks. It was stated that under the Commission to Inquire into Child abuse (Amendment) Act 2005 (Section 30:1) the consent of the Minister for Education and Science and of the Minister for Finance would be required and it was not considered advisable to seek such consent at this time.</p> <p>There were 199 approvals in respect of 191 applications to a total value of €209,876.29. The Board processed 7 applications under reasonable expectation for this meeting to a total value of €13,010.90. The breakdown of the approvals is as follows: former resident 45 (22.61%); child 100(50.26%); grandchild 44 (22.10%); spouse 08 (4.02%); stepchild 2 (1.01%). The country analysis is: Ireland 155 (77.89%); UK 41 (20.60%); USA 2 (1.01%); France 1 (0.50%).</p>	<p>It was agreed to consider this suggestion once the Annual Report was complete.</p>
	<p>Criteria Matters for consideration under this heading were dealt with under Matters arising from the Minutes.</p>	
	<p>Publicity It was agreed to defer the UK Support Groups issues, such as verification of documents being sent from the UK to the EFB; group education courses and advance notice of changing the criteria until the next review of the Criteria which would take place in June 2010.</p>	
	<p>Finance NTMA Report: The total Fund value on 31.12.09 was €4,950,567.09 There was a request for a draw-down from the NTMA to CDVEC. City of Dublin VEC Financial Statement to November 2009.</p>	<p>Noted Noted and agreed. Noted and agreed.</p>
	<p>IT and Communication Requirements It was agreed to assess the needs of the Board on further developments to the database to ensure information storage; to facilitate remote access to the server by the database designer and to explore the possibility of applicants to the fund applying online.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>Staffing Matters for consideration under this heading were dealt with under Approvals, Appeals and Queries.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting The date of the next meeting was agreed as 18th February, 2010. The Finance Committee agreed to meet beforehand. A tentative date of 16th March was also agreed for a subsequent meeting.</p>	