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2020 Audited Financial Statements of Caranua (Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board)

Dear Mr Hughes,

The Financial Statements of Caranua (the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board) for the year ended 31 December 2020 have now been laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas in fulfilment of the requirement laid down in section 31 of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012.

The Financial Statements incorporate the relevant Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General. An electronic copy of the Financial Statements is enclosed herewith, together with a briefing document for the information of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Seán Ó Foghlú
Secretary General



Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board (Caranua)
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Briefing Note
for the
Committee of Public Accounts

July 2021



1. Introduction

The Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board (Caranua) was established in 2013 in accordance with the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012. Caranua's purpose was to disburse, to survivors of institutional abuse, funding supports for approved services in the areas of housing, health and education that are not readily available through public bodies, and to thereby improve the quality of life of individuals who, as children, experienced abuse and neglect in institutions managed by religious congregations on behalf of the State.

To be eligible for support, applicants were required to have received awards from the Residential Institutions Redress Board, or to have received similar awards through the courts or through direct settlement with a relevant congregation. Survivors who did not receive an award or settlement were not eligible to apply.

As is provided for in the 2012 Act, the funding supports were paid from a Statutory Fund of €110m, plus interest of €1.138m, representing the cash contributions made by the relevant religious congregations following the publication of the Ryan Report in 2009. The final such contribution was received on 9 December 2019, and any contributions over the statutory limit of €110m are, in accordance with the 2012 Act, paid to a special account maintained by the Minister for Health to be used as contributions towards the costs of the National Children's Hospital. To date, approximately €1.5m has been lodged to this account.

Caranua accepted applications from January 2014. Caranua's Annual Report for 2020 (June to December) notes that, over the full period (from 2014 to 2020), Caranua received over 62,000 applications from over 6,000 survivors, of which over 57,000 were approved. Each applicant had received an average of €15,728 in funding support payments.

The highest proportion of funding support payments was in the area of home improvements at €68.2m, followed by health supports at €27.3m, education at €1.4m, and exceptional needs supports of €0.4m.

The 2012 Act also provides that all of Caranua's operational costs must be met from the Fund. To the end of 2020, operational expenditure amounted to €13.5m.

2. Wind-Down of Operations

As is noted above, the 2012 Act provides that all of Caranua's costs, i.e. the costs of funding approved services for survivors and the administrative costs associated with Caranua's operations, are required to be met from the Statutory Fund. The 2012 Act



does not provide any mechanism for this funding to be supplemented with Exchequer funds.

Given the finite nature of the funding available, Caranua announced in May 2018 that it would cease to accept applications from 1 August 2018. After that date, it mainly focused on processing applications on hand. It also undertook targeted outreach to certain groups, including survivors who were in prison.

As part of this process, Caranua engaged extensively with applicants who had not completed the application process, and established person-centred timelines for the provision of supporting documentation which would enable their applications to be progressed before Caranua was required to wind-down its operations. Given the impending exhaustion of the funding available to it, Caranua was not in a position to allow applications to remain open indefinitely.

Caranua finalised all outstanding applications and made all final payments in early December 2020, with the exception of a very limited number of cases which were referred back to Caranua on appeal, or where it had agreed to make staggered payments. It had originally been intended that Caranua would finalise all applications earlier in 2020, but this was extended to December 2020 to allow the disbursement of funding received from the congregations in late 2019, and to provide survivors with more time to complete their applications, particularly in the context of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

As part of its operational wind-down, Caranua also moved to reduce its operational expenditure over the course of 2020. The 2020 Financial Statements note that, in December 2019, Caranua notified the OPW of its intention to vacate its premises on 30 June 2020. Caranua exited the lease on that date and no further rent payments were made thereafter.

In addition, staff numbers were reduced as part of the wind-down of operations. Approximately half of Caranua's staff left the organisation in early October 2020, and all but a handful of staff reach the end of their contracts on 31 December 2020. This resulted in statutory redundancy payments totalling €38,122 in 2020.

The remaining staff, including the CEO and the Director of Finance, reached the end of their contracts on 24 March 2021.

3. Statement on Internal Control

The Statement on Internal Control contained within the Annual Financial Statements sets out the key control procedures within Caranua, which included the



implementation of clearly defined management responsibilities and the careful monitoring by the Board of expenditure patterns and issues arising.

The Statement advises that the system of internal control operated effectively despite the challenges presented by Covid-19. However, a number of control weaknesses which were identified in the audits for previous years are again identified in the Statement for 2020, as follows –

- For applications where proof of tenancy or ownership was required to be presented by the applicant, such proof was not present in 6% of cases sampled for testing for 2020.

By way of comparison, the related figures for 2019 and 2018 were 17% and 33% respectively.

- In 12% of cases sampled, the required number of quotes had not been presented.

The comparable figures for 2019 and 2018 were 30% and 33%.

It should be noted in this regard that, on 25 May 2020, and in light of the challenge presented by Covid-19, Caranua requested approval from the Department of Education for an increase in the funding thresholds that applied to the procurement process. The Department granted approval for this on 29 May 2020.

- In cases where post-payment invoices or receipts were required to be presented to the Board by survivors, these had not been presented in 38% of cases sampled (compared with 45% in 2019 and over 50% in 2018). In all except three cases, it was found that Caranua had written to the survivors concerned to request that the documentation was provided, with one exception being an applicant who was incarcerated. The Statement notes that Caranua cannot compel survivors to provide post-payment receipts, and took all reasonable steps to secure as many as possible.

As Caranua noted in its briefing document provided to the Committee in December 2019, in the context of the Committee's examination of its 2019 Audited Financial Statements –

“Caranua must balance working with Survivors in a person-centred and compassionate manner and our obligations as a public body with regard to our fiduciary accountability. This has raised difficulties as our required process was seen by some survivors as bureaucratic, however it was necessary for Caranua



to respond to the audit opinion of the Comptroller and Auditor General in relation to controls.

The Board has ensured that appropriate procedures are in place and these are adhered to in the vast majority of payments of funding supports. The level of non-compliance with the Board's procedures continued to improve in 2019. However, as an organisation working with survivors, there have been occasions when it was decided to work outside of procedures to protect the welfare of a survivor."

In addition to the above, the Statement also notes one case of potential fraud involving an applicant which came to light in 2020. This concerned a payment to fund surgery which was subsequently reimbursed by the Health Service Executive and has resulted in a loss to Caranua of just under €11,500. The matter has been referred to An Garda Síochána.

4. Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General

The Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) advises of his opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Caranua as at 31 December 2020, and of its income and expenditure for 2020, and that the audit evidence obtained was sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for his opinion.

The C&AG also draws attention to the Statement on Internal Control referred to above, which discloses that weaknesses in the Board's control over grant payments continued into 2020. The C&AG notes that this created a risk that, in some cases, grant expenditure in 2020 might not have been used for the purposes intended.

5. Fund Account

No cash contributions were received in 2020. Expenditure for 2020 amounted to €6,335,168 of which €4,973,230 related to payments to survivors. The total value of the Fund at the end of 2020 was €456,740.

6. Dissolution of Caranua

The formal dissolution of Caranua will be progressed by way of primary legislation, which will also provide for the transfer of Caranua's assets, liabilities and records to the Department of Education.

The term of office of the previous Board of Caranua expired on 24 March 2021, and an interim Board has been appointed by the Minister to ensure that appropriate



governance and oversight arrangements are in place in advance of Caranua's formal dissolution.

7. Late submission of the 2020 Financial Statements to the Houses of the Oireachtas

The C&AG issued his audit certificate to Caranua on 19 March 2021, and Caranua in turn provided the 2020 Audited Financial Statements, including the audit certificate, to the Department of Education on 23 March 2021. Therefore, the deadline for the laying of the accounts before the Houses of the Oireachtas was 23 June 2021, following the noting of the accounts by the Government.

As a number of issues relating to Caranua were required to be submitted to Government, including Caranua's Annual Report for 2020 (June to December), and the Final Report of the Caranua Independent Appeals Officer, it was decided to prepare a single Memorandum for Government which dealt with all of the issues concerned. The retirement of a key member of staff during this period also resulted in a vacancy within the relevant policy area. These issues contributed to a regrettable delay in the preparation of the Memorandum, which was ultimately considered by Government at its meeting of 21 July 2021 (Government Decision S180/20/10/1868A refers). The accounts were then laid before the Houses on 23 July 2021.



RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

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RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD
GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Governance

The Board of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund was established under the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012. The functions of the Board are set out in section 7 of this Act. The Board is accountable to the Minister for Education, is responsible for ensuring good governance and performs this task by setting strategic objectives and targets and taking strategic decisions on all key business issues. The regular day-to-day management, control and direction of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the senior management team. The CEO and the senior management team must follow the broad strategic direction set by the Board and must ensure that all Board members have a clear understanding of the key activities and decisions related to the entity, and of any significant risks likely to arise. The CEO acts as a direct liaison between the Board and management of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund.

Board Responsibilities

The work and responsibilities of the Board are set out in the Board Governance Handbook, which also contain the matters specifically reserved for Board decision. Standing items considered by the Board include:

- statement of interests,
- matters arising,
- chair report,
- reports from executive,
- reports from committees,
- reserved matters.

Section 31 of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012 requires the Board of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund to keep, in such form as may be approved by the Minister for Education with consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, all proper and usual accounts of money received and expended by it.

In preparing these financial statements, the Board of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that it will continue in operation, and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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The Board is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, its financial position and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with Section 31 of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012. The maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information on the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund's website is the responsibility of the Board.

The Board is responsible for approving the annual plan and budget. An evaluation of the performance of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund by reference to the annual plan and budget was carried out at each Board meeting and Audit and Risk sub-committee meeting held in 2020.

The Board is also responsible for safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Board considers that the financial statements of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund give a true and fair view of the financial performance and the financial position of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund at 31 December 2020.

Board Structure

The Board consists of the chairperson and 8 members, of whom 4 are persons who were resident in an institution specified in the Schedule to the Act of 2002 before they attained the age of 18 years. All Board members are appointed by the Minister for Education. The members of the Board were appointed for a period of four years and meet at least nine times per annum. The table below details the appointment period for current members: The Board's term of office expires on 24th March 2021.

Board Member	Role	Date (Re)appointed
David O'Callaghan	Chair	25/03/2017
Damian Casey	Board Member	25/05/2017
Frances Harrington	Board Member	25/05/2017
Francis W. Treanor BL	Board Member	25/05/2017
Katherine Finn BL	Board Member	25/05/2017
Patricia Carey	Board Member	25/05/2017
Thomas Daly	Board Member	25/05/2017
Phyllis Morgan-Fann	Board Member	16/11/2018
Richard Heeney	Board Member	16/11/2018

The Board commenced a self-evaluation of Board Effectiveness and Evaluation Review in November 2020. The Board discussed and accepted the findings on 21st January 2021.

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The Board has established two committees:

Audit and Risk Committee: comprises four Board members and may also have three independent members. The CEO and DoF attend on invitation. The role of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) is to support the Board in relation to its responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance and associated assurance. In particular the Committee ensures that the internal control systems including audit activities are monitored actively and independently. The ARC reports to the Board after each meeting, and formally in writing annually.

The members of the Audit and Risk Committee are Damian Casey (Chair), Katherine Finn, Thomas Daly and Richard Heenev. There were 9 meetings of the committee in 2020.

Sub Committee to Oversee wind down of operations comprises of four Board members. The members of this Committee are Patricia Carey (Chair), Frances Harrington, Katherine Finn and Francis W. Treanor. There were 5 meetings of the committee in 2020.

Schedule of Attendance, Fees and Expenses

A schedule of attendance at the Board and Committee meetings for 2020 is set out below including the fees and expenses received by each member:

Board Members	Board Meetings	Audit & Risk Committee	Wind-down Sub-committee	Fees 2020 €	Expenses 2020 €
David O'Callaghan	9	-	-	-	-
Damien Casey	7	9	-	-	-
Frances Harrington	9	-	5	-	120
Francis W. Treanor BL	9	-	4	-	159
Katherine Finn BL	8	6	4	-	-
Patricia Carey	8	-	5	-	-
Thomas Daly	6	7	-	-	-
Phyllis Morgan-Fann	0	-	-	-	364
Richard Heenev	1	0	-	-	392
Total Meetings Held	9	9	5	-	1,035

Board members did not receive a fee in 2020.

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Key Personnel Changes

There were no key personnel changes in 2020.

Disclosures Required by Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016)

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund has complied with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies ("the Code"), as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in August 2016. The following disclosures are required by the Code:

Employee Short-Term Benefits Breakdown

Employees' short-term benefits in excess of €60,000 are categorised into the following bands:

Range From	To	Number of employees	
		2020	2019
€ 70,000	- € 79,999	2	2
€ 80,000	- € 89,999	-	-
€ 90,000	- € 99,999	-	1
€100,000	- €109,999	1	-

Note: For the purposes of this disclosure, short-term employee benefits in relation to services rendered during the reporting period include salary, overtime allowances and other payments made on behalf of the employee but exclude employer's PRSI.

Consultancy Costs

Consultancy costs include the cost of external advice to management and exclude outsourced 'business-as-usual' functions.

	2020	2019
	€	€
Legal advice	2,253	2,188
Human Resources	6,153	3,001
Internal Audit	8,056	6,753
Total consultancy costs	16,462	11,942
Consultancy costs capitalised	-	-
Consultancy costs charged to the Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves	16,462	11,942
Total	16,462	11,942

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Legal Costs and Settlements

The table below provides a breakdown of amounts recognised as expenditure in the reporting period in relation to legal costs, settlements and conciliation and arbitration proceedings relating to contracts with third parties. This does not include expenditure incurred in relation to general legal advice received by the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund which is disclosed in consultancy costs above.

	2020	2019
	€	€
Legal fees - legal proceedings*	46,051	195,670
Conciliation and arbitration payments	-	-
Settlements	-	-
Total	46,051	195,670

Travel and Subsistence Expenditure

Travel and subsistence expenditure is categorised as follows:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Domestic		
- Board*	1,116	9,774
- Employees	223	1,209
International		
- Board*	-	1,268
- Employees	-	4,406
Total	1,339	16,657

* includes travel and subsistence of €1,035 paid directly to Board members in 2020 (2019: €10,321). The balance of €81 (2019: €721) relates to expenditure paid by Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board on behalf of the Board members.

Hospitality Expenditure

The Fund Account includes the following hospitality expenditure:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Staff hospitality	-	-
Client hospitality	-	-
Total	-	-

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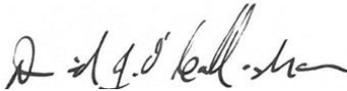
Statement of Compliance

The Residential Institutions Statutory Fund has complied with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in August 2016.

The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies provides that agreement may be sought by State bodies from their relevant Minister/parent Department in respect of provisions that may be applied proportionately for use by them. The Residential Institutions Statutory Fund wrote to the relevant Department in this regard in respect of the following:

- Provisions in relation to Head of Internal Audit
There is no designated executive that would equate to Head of Internal Audit role. Administratively the Director of Finance and Corporate Affairs is the formal contact point.

On behalf of the Board



David O'Callaghan
Chairperson

Date: 19/03/2021



Rachel Downes
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 19/03/2021

RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

On behalf of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board, I acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of Internal Control is maintained and operated. This responsibility takes account of the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016).

PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a tolerable level rather than to eliminate it. The system can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or detected in a timely manner.

The system of internal control, which accords with guidance issued by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, has been in place in the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board for the year ended 31 December 2020 and up to the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Board agreed to increase funding thresholds that applied to quotes and extend the wind-down of operations during the year, in light of the exceptional circumstances and the difficulties experienced by applicants in accessing quotes to support their open applications during the pandemic. The system of internal control operated effectively despite challenges presented by covid-19.

KEY CONTROL PROCEDURES

In accordance with the provisions of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012, an account was established at the Central Bank for the purposes of receiving cash contributions. Section 29(3) of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012 provides that the Statutory Fund shall establish an investment account into which the amount paid under section 29(1) & (2) shall be deposited. Periodically, the Board draws down funds from this account to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The Board was established in March 2013 and has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment by implementing a system of clearly defined management responsibilities and has developed a procedures manual for the awarding of grants and for the processing and approval of other payments.

The Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board has an Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) comprising four Board members, with financial, risk management and audit expertise. The Committee met nine times in 2020. While expenditure in respect of payments to survivors is demand-led and therefore not amenable to annual budgeting, the Board through its procedures, including in particular the consideration and review by the Audit and Risk Committee of the management accounts, carefully monitors on a regular basis expenditure patterns and any issues arising.

The Board has engaged the services of a firm of accountants to prepare the annual financial statements. These services are used also to provide further advice on financial and control matters as required. The Board's Internal Audit function is provided by an external service provider. The programme of work is agreed with the Audit and Risk Committee and is set out in their 2-year plan. The Board's External Audit function is provided by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Board's system of Internal Controls is based on a framework of regular management information, a system of delegation and accountability, a set of financial procedures, administrative procedures including segregation of duties and rigorous ongoing checks by the finance function, which includes

- a budgeting system on operational expenditure.
- setting authorisation limits to disburse Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Boards' funds.
- regular reviews by the Audit and Risk Committee and senior management of periodic and annual financial information and reports including management accounts.

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STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

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Covid-19 impacted on the operations of the Board in that staff have been working from home since 18th March 2020. In recognition of the difficulties that survivors might face while accessing quotations during this period, Caranua wrote to the Department of Education requesting a reduction in the number of quotations required, the Department sanctioned this request. Due to the impact of covid-19, the Board approved extending operations to 31 December 2020 to grant additional time to applicants to submit quotations for funding. The Board's system of internal controls was applied while staff worked remotely.

CONTROL WEAKNESSES 2020

Payments to survivors

The audits of the 2014 to 2019 financial statements identified weaknesses in internal control where the Board's procedures were not always followed in respect of payments to survivors. In the majority of cases where the Board's procedures were not followed, the Board took into consideration the vulnerable circumstances of Survivors such as a serious illness. In 2020 the following issues were noted:

- For certain types of housing expenditure, proof of tenancy or ownership must be presented by an applicant. A sample of payments from 2020 selected for testing by audit did not have proof of ownership or tenancy in 6% of cases.
- The audit examined quotes that had been presented to the Board prior to payment for a sample of payments made in 2020. The sample found that while there was evidence of one or more quotes with every funding support payment made, in 12% of the cases sampled the required number of quotes had not been presented.
- In cases where post payment invoices and receipts were required to be presented to the Board, there is evidence that such documentation had not been presented in 38% of cases sampled by audit in 2020. In all except three of those cases, there was evidence that Caranua wrote to Survivors requesting that they forward a receipt for funding received after goods were purchased or services provided, one exception being a case where an applicant was incarcerated. As Caranua cannot compel applicants to forward post payment receipts, all reasonable steps are taken to secure as many as possible.

Alleged Fraud

The Board was subject an alleged fraud which came to light in August 2020. Caranua made an advance payment of €11,481 to a hospital in Northern Ireland on foot of an application to fund surgery which was arranged through the HSE Cross Border Directive. Following the surgery the individual submitted a claim to the HSE who refunded monies to the individual in August 2019. The monies should then have been paid to Caranua. However, this did not happen. The matter has been referred to the Gardaí.

Other than the above, there were no other weakness identified in internal control that resulted in material losses, contingencies or uncertainties which require disclosure in the financial statements.

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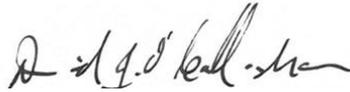
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APPROVAL BY THE BOARD

The Statement on System of Internal Controls has been reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee and the Board to ensure it accurately reflects the control system in operation during the reporting period.

Reviews of Internal Controls were carried out by an external firm during 2020. The Board conducted an annual review of the effectiveness of Internal Controls on 21st January 2021, including a review of annual performance against budget, an annual report from the Audit and Risk Committee, internal audit reports, risk management policy including a risk appetite statement and risk register, and is satisfied that Internal Controls were operating and effective during 2020.

On behalf of the Board



David O'Callaghan
Chairperson

Date: 19/03/2021



Rachel Downes
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 19/03/2021



Ard Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste Comptroller and Auditor General

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board (Caranua)

Opinion on the financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board for the year ended 31 December 2020 as required under the provisions of section 31 of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012. The financial statements comprise

- the fund account
- the statement of financial position
- the statement of cash flows and
- the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Board at 31 December 2020 and of its income and expenditure for 2020 in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 — *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland*.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as promulgated by the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions. My responsibilities under those standards are described in the appendix to this report. I am independent of the Board and have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the standards.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Report on information other than the financial statements, and on other matters

The Board has presented certain other information together with the financial statements. This comprises the governance statement and Board members' report, and the statement on internal control. My responsibilities to report in relation to such information, and on certain other matters upon which I report by exception, are described in the appendix to this report.

Inadequate control over grant payments

I draw attention to the statement on internal control which discloses that weaknesses in the Board's control over grant payments continued in 2020. This created a risk that in some cases grant expenditure in 2020 might not have been used for the purposes intended.

Seamus McCarthy
Comptroller and Auditor General
19 March 2021

Appendix to the report

Responsibilities of Board members

As detailed in the governance statement and Board members' report, the Board members are responsible for

- the preparation of financial statements in the form prescribed under section 31 of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012
- ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with FRS102
- ensuring the regularity of transactions
- assessing whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate, and
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I am required under section 31 of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012 to audit the financial statements of the Board and to report thereon to the Houses of the Oireachtas.

My objective in carrying out the audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In doing so,

- I identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error; design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal controls.
- I evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures.

- I conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, on whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board to cease to continue as a going concern.
- I evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Information other than the financial statements

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information presented with those statements, and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, I am required under the ISAs to read the other information presented and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or with knowledge obtained during the audit, or if it otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

Reporting on other matters

My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation. I report if I identify material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit. I report if I identify any material instance where public money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them.

I also report by exception if, in my opinion,

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- the accounting records were not sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 €	2019 €
INCOME			
Cash contributions received	2	-	8,371,090
INVESTMENT RETURN			
Interest earned / (charged)		3,510	(9,430)
		3,510	(9,430)
EXPENDITURE			
Payments to Survivors	4	4,973,230	12,282,135
Administration Costs	5	1,361,938	2,092,292
		6,335,168	14,374,427
NET OPERATING COSTS FOR THE PERIOD		(6,331,658)	(6,012,767)
Transfer from capital account	7	56,119	15,127
DECREASE IN FUND DURING THE PERIOD		(6,275,539)	(5,997,640)
FUND VALUE BROUGHT FORWARD		6,732,279	12,729,919
TOTAL FUND VALUE AT PERIOD END		456,740	6,732,279

All income and expenditure for the year relates to continuing activities at the reporting date.
The Fund Account includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The Statement of Cash Flows and notes 1 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

On behalf of the Board



David O'Callaghan
Chairperson

Date: 19/03/2021



Rachel Downes
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 19/03/2021

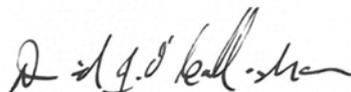
RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	As at 31 December 2020 €	As at 31 December 2019 €
FIXED ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	3,127	59,246
CURRENT ASSETS			
NTMA Investment Account	3	6,226	52,009
Bank	3	458,356	6,673,019
Debtors and prepayments	8	101,878	253,292
		<u>566,460</u>	<u>6,978,320</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)			
Creditors and accruals	9	(109,720)	(246,041)
		<u>(109,720)</u>	<u>(246,041)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>456,740</u>	<u>6,732,279</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>459,867</u>	<u>6,791,525</u>
REPRESENTING			
Capital Account	7	3,127	59,246
Fund account	7	456,740	6,732,279
		<u>459,867</u>	<u>6,791,525</u>

The Statement of Cash Flows and Notes 1 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 €	2019 €
Net cash flows from Operating Activities			
Decrease in Fund for the period		(6,275,539)	(5,997,640)
Depreciation of fixed assets	6	13,209	15,127
Decrease in debtors		151,414	15,900
(Decrease) in creditors		(136,321)	(340,677)
Capital account movement		(56,119)	(15,127)
Loss on disposal of assets		40,410	-
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(6,262,946)	(6,322,417)
Cash flow from Investing Activities			
Payments to acquire property, plant & equipment		-	-
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		2,500	-
Net Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(6,260,446)	(6,322,417)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		6,725,028	13,047,445
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		464,582	6,725,028

RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board (RISFB) was established on 25 March 2013 under the provisions of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012, with a head office at 4th Floor, Metropolitan Building, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1. It oversees the use of the cash contributions of up to €110 million pledged by religious congregations to support the needs of survivors of residential institutional child abuse. The key functions of the RISFB as defined in the Act include payments to former residents in order that they may avail of approved services, which include; mental health services, health and personal social services, educational services and a housing support service.

Pending the establishment of the RISFB, a special interest-bearing account was established in the Central Bank under the dual control of the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister of Education to receive cash contributions from religious congregations. In March 2013, in accordance with S. 29(1) of the act, the total funds in this account totalling €41,314,845 including interest of €270,529 were transferred to the RISFB investment account held in the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) and the special account was closed. In April 2013 a further €12,376 in accrued interest was paid into the investment account.

Section 29(2) of the Act provides for the receipt of further funds from religious congregations to the RISFB investment account on foot of instructions from the Department of Education with the consent of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. In accordance with S.29 (2) of the act, €61,591,273 was received from religious congregations which included interest of €1,099,106.

The Act also provides that the amounts paid into the investment account under S. 29 will not exceed €110 million plus any accrued interest, and that monies not required for the time being shall be invested. The cumulative amount received into the investment account to 31 December 2020 is €111,382,011 (2019: €111,382,011), including interest of €1,382,011.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements of the RISFB for the period ended 31 December 2020 have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), as promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements are prepared under the accrual method of accounting and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention, except as indicated below.

The financial statements are in a form approved by the Minister for Education with the concurrence of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INCOME

Income is recognised in the financial statements when cash received from religious congregations is deposited in the RISFB investment account on the direction of the Minister for Education with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform as provided for under Section 29 (1) and (2) of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act 2012.

PAYMENTS

Commitments made by the Education Finance Board transferred into the RISFB are recognised in these financial statements when approved by the Board.

Payments to survivors made by the RISFB are recognised in the year in which the claims have been approved for payment by the Board.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are stated at their historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged to the Fund Account on a straight-line basis, at the rates set out below, so as to write off the assets, adjusted for residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows: -

Computer Equipment and Software	25% per annum
Office Furniture and Fittings	10% per annum

Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of an age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

CANCELLED PAYMENTS

RISFB make payments to survivors through a third-party arrangement with an external firm for confidentiality purposes. Payments approved by the Board are paid to the firm who in turn issue cheques to survivors and suppliers. Cancelled cheques are recorded in the period to which they relate to and amounts shown as cancelled payments represent cheques for current period which were cancelled after the year end date to the date the financial statements are prepared.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

The Capital Account balance represents the unamortised value of income applied for capital expenditure purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

GOING CONCERN

Section 29(4) of the Act provides that amounts paid into the investment account will not exceed €110 million, plus associated interest. At 31 December 2020, the cumulative value of cash contributions received from religious congregations was €111.38 million, including interest €1.38m, and the cumulative value of funds expended was €110.92 million. The Board had a cash balance of €458,356 and net assets of €459,867 at 31 December 2020. Given the current cash resources available, the Board discharged almost all of its funding by December 2020. The Board's term of office ends on 24 March 2021. The Board has been in discussion with the Department of Education on the orderly wind down of the Board's operations. It is understood that legislation will be required to underpin the winding up and dissolution of the Board and that it will provide for the transfer of any assets and liabilities of the Board to the Department of Education. On the basis of the above, the Board considers it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustment to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liability that may arise if the Board was unable to continue as a going concern.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro and recorded at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or forward purchase contract rates where such contracts exist.

PENSIONS

New entrant public service staff employed by the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board after 1 January 2013, are members of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme (the Scheme) in accordance with the Public Services Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. The Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board makes the necessary deductions from salaries for staff who are part of the Scheme and employee contributions are transferred to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on a monthly basis in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme.

There is no charge in these financial statements for any liabilities which may arise in respect of the retirement benefits of staff of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board. Such liabilities, on wind up of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board, will transfer to the Department of Education for payment, and will be provided for in the legislation governing such wind up.

In the case of seconded staff from other public bodies the cost of their employment, including charges for employer's PRSI and pension costs is recouped by their employers.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. There were no judgements required that had a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020.

RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS STATUTORY FUND BOARD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

2. INCOME

	2020	2019
	€	€
Amounts lodged to investment account under Section 29 (2) of 2012 Act	-	8,371,090
	-	8,371,090
	-	8,371,090

	Cumulative to 31 December 2020	Cumulative to 31 December 2019
CUMULATIVE AMOUNTS	€	€
Congregations contributions received *	111,382,011	111,382,011
Interest earned	307,765	304,255
Transferred from Education Finance Board	29,490	29,490
Transfer to capital account	(3,127)	(59,246)
Payments to Survivors	(97,804,791)	(92,831,561)
Administration costs	(13,454,608)	(12,092,670)
Fund value at 31 December 2020	456,740	6,732,279

* Congregations contributions include interest €1,382,011

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

As provided for under Section 29 (1) & (2) receipts from the religious congregations are paid into the RISFB investment account on the direction of the Minister for Education with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure.

Since August 2013, amounts required to make payments are transferred to a commercial bank account. The balance on that account at 31 December 2020 was €458,356 (31 December 2019: €6,673,019). Prior to August 2013, amounts were transferred to City of Dublin ETB who made payments on behalf of the Board on an agency basis.

Funds not required to make payments may be invested. At 31 December 2020, €nil (31 December 2019: €nil) had been converted to Exchequer notes with the balance remaining in the NTMA investment account of €6,226 (31 December 2019: €52,009).

	2020*	2019*
	€	€
4. PAYMENTS TO SURVIVORS		
Housing Support	2,539,112	7,829,745
Health	2,193,615	3,963,117
Socially Active and Connected	130,994	295,254
Education, Learning and Development	10,558	100,984
Exceptional Needs	98,951	93,035
	<u>4,973,230</u>	<u>12,282,135</u>

Included in the payments to survivors' total figure above are charges to the external firm tasked with generating EFT payments and anonymised cheques for provision to survivors. In 2020, the total charge amount in relation to this was €9,254 (2019: €28,100)

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5.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	2020	2019
		€	€
	Salaries and Wages	817,253	1,252,768
	Telephone, postage, stationery	17,270	69,509
	Transport and couriers	1,057	117
	Travel and Subsistence – Staff (National)	223	1,209
	Travel and Subsistence – Staff (International)	-	4,406
	Travel and Subsistence – Board (National)	1,116	9,774
	Travel and Subsistence – Board (International)	-	1,268
	Rent and Service Charge	135,461	279,409
	Information Technology	114,911	94,902
	Light and Heat	10,020	16,464
	Maintenance and Relocation Costs	11,675	13,345
	Insurance	18,959	17,248
	Meeting and Conference Costs	1,116	10,006
	Legal Costs	48,304	178,881
	Accounting Services	10,938	5,898
	Audit Fee	20,000	21,800
	Internal Audit	8,056	6,753
	Other Consultancy	16,153	3,001
	General Expenses	8,380	11,072
	Communications	180	-
	Subscriptions and Memberships	4,831	4,609
	Printing and Publications	2,496	5,706
	Bank Charges	4,604	403
	Staff Training and Development	4,584	7,304
	Recruitment Costs	-	11,446
	Appeals Officer	11,400	47,800
	Depreciation	13,209	15,127
	Prompt Payment Interest	-	72
	Statutory Redundancy	38,122	-
	Other Staff Benefits	1,210	1,995
	Loss on Disposal	40,410	-
		<u>1,361,938</u>	<u>2,092,292</u>

Included in Administration Costs is an amount of €11,400 (2019: €47,800) representing amounts that the Minister has requested to be drawn down from the Investment Account to make payments to the Appeals Officer under Section 31(3) of the Act.

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5(a)	STAFF COSTS	2020	2019
		€	€
	Salaries and Wages	817,253	1,252,768
	Travel and Subsistence	223	5,615
	Redundancy Costs	38,122	0
		<u>855,598</u>	<u>1,258,383</u>

An additional superannuation contribution of €32,387 was deducted from salaries during the year. No overtime payments were paid in 2020 (2019: €nil). Statutory redundancy totalling €38,122 was paid during the year as staff numbers were reduced as part of the wind-down of operations.

Average staff members during the period	2020	2019
Seconded Staff	0	0
Temporary Agency Staff	0.25	1.50
Fixed term / Purpose Contract Staff	16.02	24.84
	<u>16.27</u>	<u>26.34</u>

5(b) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BREAKDOWN

Range of total employee benefits		Number of Employees	
From	To	2020	2019
€70,000	- €79,999	2	2
€80,000	- €89,999	-	-
€90,000	- €99,999	-	1
€100,000	- €109,999	1	-
Total		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

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	2020	2019
5(c) BOARD EXPENSES	€	€
Travel	915	5,906
Subsistence / Meals	81	2,340
Accommodation	120	2,796
	1,116	11,042

Board members are not remunerated and therefore none of the Board members received a fee during the year.

ANALYSIS OF BOARD MEMBER EXPENSES

Board Member	Vouched Expenses	Meetings Attended
	€	(of 9 held)
David O'Callaghan	-	9
Damian Casey	-	7
Frances Harrington	120	9
Francis W. Treanor BL	159	9
Katherine Finn BL	-	8
Patricia Carey	-	8
Thomas Daly	-	6
Phyllis Morgan-Fann	364	0
Richard Heeney	392	1
	1,035	

In addition to the Board expenditure noted above, a total of €81 was incurred in respect of catering for Board meetings.

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**5(d) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S
REMUNERATION**

	2020	2019
	€	€
Chief Executive Officer basic	100,044	94,487
All in cost of the Chief Executive Officer total remuneration package	100,044	94,487

The Chief Executive Officer claimed travel and subsistence expenses in 2020 amounting to €51 (2019: €40).

The Chief Executive Officer received no performance related pay. The Chief Executive Officer's pension entitlements do not extend beyond the standard entitlement in the model public sector defined benefit superannuation scheme.

	Computer Equipment and Software	Office Furniture & Fittings	Total
	€	€	€
6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
<u>Cost</u>			
As at 1 January 2020	92,230	81,574	173,804
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(81,574)	(81,574)
As at 31 December 2020	92,230	-	92,230
<u>Depreciation</u>			
As at 1 January 2020	84,053	30,505	114,558
Charge for the period	5,050	8,159	13,209
Disposals	-	(38,664)	(38,664)
As at 31 December 2020	89,103	-	89,103
Net Book Value at 31 December 2020	3,127	-	3,127
Net Book Value at 31 December 2019	8,177	51,069	59,246

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. RESERVES	Capital Account €	Fund Account €	Total €
As at 1 January 2020	59,246	6,732,279	6,791,525
Amounts applied for purchase of fixed assets	-	-	-
Amortisation in line with asset depreciation	(13,209)	-	(13,209)
Amount released on the sale of fixed assets	(42,910)	-	(42,910)
Decrease in fund during the year	-	(6,275,539)	(6,275,539)
Balance at 31 December 2020	3,127	456,740	459,867

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	As at 31 December 2020 €	As at 31 December 2019 €
Prepayments	4,237	54,937
Debtors	28,000	-
Accrued Interest	(40)	(6,132)
Cancelled payments recoverable	69,681	204,487
	101,878	253,292

In early 2020 Caranua reached agreement with a company for repayment of €49,000 in weekly instalments of €500. €21,000 was paid by 31 December 2020. Debtors includes an amount of €28,000 in relation to the balance outstanding which the company continues to pay down. The €49,000 has been netted against payments to survivors in Note 4. The balance arose between 2016 and 2018 with a company who carried out building works for Survivors where funding had been approved by Caranua.

9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS (amounts falling due within one year)	As at 31 December 2020 €	As at 31 December 2019 €
Creditors	43,519	64,581
Committed Payments to Survivors	21,002	116,585
Other Accruals	45,199	64,875
	109,720	246,041

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

10. OPERATING LEASE

On the 11th August 2017 Caranua entered into a State Occupant Agreement with the OPW for a premises (4th floor) in the Metropolitan Building on James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 which they occupy for an annual rent of €243,020 per annum (inclusive of VAT at 23%) and service charge of €36,389 per annum.

Caranua officially notified the OPW in December 2019 giving six months' notice of its intention to vacate Metropolitan House, James Joyce Street on 30th June 2020. Caranua exited the lease on 30th June 2020 and no further payments were made under the lease after that date. The new leaseholder, National Council for Special Education provided Caranua with the use of an office at no cost from 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2020. From 1st January 2021, Caranua has an arrangement in place to collect its post but does not occupy an office and all remaining staff are working remotely.

At 31st December 2020, the Board had the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Payable within one year	-	139,705
Payable within two to five years	-	-
Payable after five years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>139,705</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Key management personnel in the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board consist of the CEO and members of the Board. Total compensation paid to key management personnel, including board members expenses and total CEO remuneration, amount to €101,131 (2019: €104,848). For a breakdown of remuneration and benefits paid to key management personnel, please refer to Note 5.

The Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board adopts procedures in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform covering the personnel interests of Board members. In the normal course of business, the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board may enter into contractual arrangements with entities in which Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board members are employed or are otherwise interested.

In cases of potential conflict of interest, Board members do not receive Board documentation or otherwise participate in or attend discussions regarding these transactions. A register is maintained and available on request in all such instances. There were no transactions in the year in relation to the Board's activities in which the board members had any beneficial interest.

12. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no legal or other claims brought against Caranua during the year where a contingent liability is probable. There was one legal claim brought against Caranua during the year with Caranua named as a third party, where a contingent liability is possible. This is consistent with independent legal advice.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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13. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Board at its meeting on 19th March 2021.