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Dear friends,

Thank you for being part of our important commitment to the Synod Redress for Abuse Recovery Scheme and our ongoing call to offer essential support and redress to all those who have been harmed in the church's care.

Attached to this email is your Synod Redress for Abuse Recovery scheme invoice for 2024/2025. This invoice is based on the actual amount spent by the scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

The table below outlines expenditure for the 2024/2025 financial year:

Summary of FY2025 Redress for abuse expenses paid	FY2025	FY2024
Lump sum settlements to claimants under civil cases	440,384.00	450,000.00
Insurance recoveries	(120,429.88)	(17,700.00)
Recoveries from Frederick Marsden Youth Centre	(7,020.00)	(219,710.32)
National redress settlements to applicants	1,038,009.75	2,887,039.01
Payments to UCA Redress Ltd	88,607.48	122,763.40
Legal expenses (National redress and civil claims)	113,526.78	207,774.36
Counselling	35,412.52	55,318.01
Administration expenses (including National redress administration costs)	308,379.50	303,859.40
Total	1,896,870.15	3,789,343.86

Invoices have been calculated based on the average of total revenue and the insured value of property (building and contents excluding motor vehicles) – this calculation methodology has been consistently applied since the start of the Recovery Scheme. Congregations and entities who would like to estimate future contributions under the Synod Redress for Abuse Recovery scheme can email accounting@ucaqlld.com.au for assistance.

As you can see, the total amount expended has decreased since last year due to reduced national redress claim settlements from across the church. This reduction in FY25 does not mean that FY26 will be lower (or higher). Unfortunately, the Synod office cannot predict what the FY26 figure will be.

While each year should be considered in isolation, over the last 7 years the Queensland Synod has incurred costs ranging from \$1.8M to \$3.8M per year for the whole scheme. We recognise the burden this unpredictability can have on congregations. By way of explanation, the amount paid each year depends on:

- Claims made,
- Speed of settlement,
- Civil claim gravity leading to potentially larger amounts.



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If you have any questions in relation to the invoices, please do not hesitate to contact:

accounts@ucaqlld.com.au.

For all other enquiries about the scheme, please contact the Synod Office on 07 3377 9777 or refer to

<https://hub.ucaqlld.com.au/church-life/redress-for-sexual-abuse/>.

Many thanks,

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