

Icelandic Winding Up Board continues to ignore Landsbanki Guernsey Depositors

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Landsbanki Guernsey depositors' claims were originally rejected without explanation by the Icelandic Winding up Board, unlike those of personal depositors in the UK and Netherlands, each strongly represented as single, combined claims by their respective governments. At this month's meeting to try and resolve the dispute, the WUB continued to refuse to reconsider on its original position.

The settlement meeting of 267 claims made by 202 individual depositors of Landsbanki Guernsey Ltd was held on Wednesday 11th August 2010 in Iceland. The group's Icelandic lawyer attended the meeting on their behalf. The Winding Up board would not move from its original position and the depositors' lawyer restated the previously filed objections as well as requesting certain documents. A settlement between the two parties proved to be impossible and as a result the Winding Up Board will now refer the dispute to the district Court of Reykjavik.

This is just another setback for the beleaguered Landsbanki Guernsey Depositors who will receive nothing. This is in sharp contrast to the UK and Dutch savers in Landsbanki, all of whom, by virtue of responsible government and regulatory intervention, received full repayment of their savings within weeks of the collapse.

The Landsbanki Guernsey depositors [LGDAG] have been informed that, in order to present their objections to the dispute court of Reykjavik, the costs involved for this litigation will be much greater than anything incurred by the depositors so far.

By coincidence, unaware of the above decision, the LGDAG had written to the Chief Minister and policy Council only the day before, expressing their disappointment in Guernsey's Government over its failure to provide any updates on political initiatives over the last year.

It was on the 6th August 2009 that the Chief Minister visited Iceland after much pressure from the LGDAG amid concerns that Guernsey's Government had been doing nothing and a breakdown in communications with the UK Treasury. On his return he issued a short Press release on the 10th August 2009 and nothing has been heard since. A copy of the letter sent to the policy Council has been sent to the Editor of the Guernsey Press for publication.

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1600 depositors, more than 90% of them British, had their hard earned savings on deposit in the Guernsey branch of Landsbanki when it collapsed in October 2008. At the time, Guernsey did not have a depositors' compensation scheme in force. So far Landsbanki Guernsey depositors have received about 67.5p in the pound, unlike Landsbanki depositors in the UK and Netherlands, who received 100% of their money over a year ago.