

No evidence' of surge in claims

■ THERE is "no evidence" that the economic downturn has resulted in a surge in suspect personal injury claims, the head of the compensation watchdog has said.

Speaking after the release of its annual report for 2008, Patricia Byron, chief executive of

InjuriesBoard.ie, said while in a downturn there is the possibility of suspect claims being made, there has been "no evidence of a surge" in such claims".

She said in 2009, there has been a growth of under 3% in claim volumes, following a 6% increase in 2008 over 2007.