

Baker, John (LSC)

From: Code A
Sent: 30 September 2011 12:59
To: Baker, John (LSC); Code A
Subject: RE: Confidential LPP.
Attachments: MacKenzie costs table.doc

Hi John,

We've been taking another look at this one. We've attempted to cost it ourselves - see the table attached.

We can't see any justification for paying anything prior to 12 April 2011. Do you agree?

We've reduced the solicitors rates to those with 50% uplift (rather than the 90% that they applied). We've also disallowed the travelling and waiting uplifts claimed - in line with our previous approach on this.

Brief fee we've cut to £2,000. ✓

Its adding up to about £12,800 (so we aren't even reaching the amount the Minister agreed).

It would be really helpful if you could take a look at this in conjunction with the solicitor's request (which we can email to you if the file is not handy).

Sorry for being a pain with this one, but I do think the costs claimed are excessive, and it's incumbent upon us to justify the amount we intend to grant (albeit we now have a slight discrepancy between £12,800 and £15,500!).

If we've missed anything, or our sums are wrong, then please do set us straight.

Happy to discuss.

Many Thanks

Code A

From: Baker, John (LSC)
Sent: 29 September 2011 16:55
To: Code A
Cc: Code A
Subject: Confidential LPP.

Hi Code A,

Sorry for not being in touch sooner. If simply assessing the value of work to be done on the case on the basis of previous cases would be problematic and the amount sought is too high it may be that the best way forward is to go with the Ministers decision and allow SCU to negotiate an appropriate figure between the two?

J

From: Code A
Sent: 28 September 2011 15:12
To: Baker, John (LSC)
Cc: Code A
Subject: RE: Exceptional Funding - Confidential.

Hi John,

Work	Rate	Hours	Total
From 22 Apr 2009 to 12 Apr 2011	All costs disallowed. Attendance claims don't make sense (attendance at what?) – and all other preparatory costs should be claimed under legal help		0
From 12 Apr Solicitors Costs			
Senior Solicitors Prep – inc correspondence, telephone, briefing counsel	79.5 (53 with 50% uplift)	15	1192.50
Attendance Senior sols	63.5 (42.25 with 50% uplift)	14	889
Attendance sols	51 (34.00 with 50% uplift)	56	2856
Travel and waiting senior sols	24.75	8	198
Travel and waiting sols	24.75	8	198
		TOTAL	£5333.50
Counsel's costs			
Attendance at PIH	500	N/A	500
Brief Fee	2,000	N/A	2000
Refreshers	500	9	4500
Travel and waiting	24.75	9	223
Reasonable expenses	245	N/A	245
		TOTAL	£7468.00
		GRAND TOTAL	£12,801.50