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**Freedom of Information request**

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Date of response: 21 July 2015

LSB reference: 20150629-01

**Request:**

I would be grateful for details of the costs you paid in this case (at all levels) and in particular:

1. The hourly rate if any agreed with Counsel and Solicitors
2. Any fixed fees agreed
3. The total paid at each level, broken down if possible between solicitors and each counsel

**Response:**

I write in response to your email of 29 June 2015, in which you requested details of the costs paid by the Legal Services Board (LSB) in defending the application for judicial review brought by a number of criminal law barristers in relation to the LSB's decision to grant the rule change application that brought the Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (QASA) into effect.

The response to your questions are as follows:

1. The hourly rates agreed in relation to the solicitors acting for the LSB at the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court were as follows:  
Partner: £260  
Solicitor Grade B: £170  
Solicitor Grade C: £140  
Trainee solicitor: £120

Counsel were not paid an hourly rate, but their fees were agreed as follows:

High Court  
Queen's Counsel):  
Pre-brief fee work: £27,075  
Brief fee: £18,000  
Refreshers: £6000

Junior Counsel  
Pre-brief fee work: £15,450  
Brief fee: £4800  
Refreshers: £1200

Court of Appeal

Queen's Counsel  
Pre-brief fee work: £2,475  
Brief fee: £20,000  
Refreshers: £6,000

Junior Counsel  
Pre-brief fee work: £2,140  
Brief fee: £6,840  
Refreshers: £2,400

Supreme Court  
Leading Queen's Counsel: £25,875  
Queen's Counsel 2: £19,820

2. No fixed fees were agreed for any part of the litigation.
3. The total fees paid by the LSB at each level was as follows:

High Court: £248,856.16.  
Solicitors' costs: £118,472.52  
Counsel's fees: £72,525.00

Court of Appeal: £92,917.98.  
Solicitors' costs: £33,261.00  
Counsel's fees: £39,855.00

Supreme Court: £116,114.48  
Solicitors' costs: £47,759.00  
Counsel's fees: £45,695.00

I trust that this addresses your information request, but if you are dissatisfied with our response, or any aspect of it, you have the right to ask for an internal review or to submit a complaint (see LSB's Freedom of information – Complaints procedure: [http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can\\_we\\_help/l\\_sb\\_policies\\_procedures/freedom\\_of\\_information/index.htm](http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can_we_help/l_sb_policies_procedures/freedom_of_information/index.htm)).