



## Brook House Inquiry Quarter 3

### October-December 2021 Financial Report

#### Costs

As part of the Inquiry's commitment to transparency, it publishes details of its expenditure. The table below covers total expenditure from 1 October up to 31 December 2021. Costs will be updated on a quarterly basis with an end of year financial report.

#### Overview

The information in this report sets out the expenditure for the period 1 October up to 31 December 2021, totalling £2,968,420. Costs are recorded on a resource basis and audited by the National Audit Office as part of the sponsoring Department accounts.

DESCRIPTION	COST (£)
Chair	£31,502
Inquiry staffing, including secretariat	£169,182
Inquiry legal costs (solicitor, counsel and legal team)	£2,114,069 <sup>1</sup>
Core participant and witness costs	£387,702 <sup>2</sup>
Running costs, including accommodation and IT	£183,350 <sup>3</sup>
Consultancy and specialist services	£82,615 <sup>4</sup>
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>£2,968,420</b>

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## **Notes on costs**

These figures cover expenditure where invoices have been paid during the reporting period. Total costs for this period are higher than shown as they do not include all invoices expected for this period. The narrative detail below explains some of the expenses that were delayed in this period and these invoices will be included in future financial reports.

These figures include some expenditure for the Inquiry's phase 1 public hearings which took place between 23<sup>rd</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December. Outstanding invoices for the phase 1 hearings will be reported in the Quarter 4 financial statement

**1 Inquiry legal costs.** The Inquiry is directly funding its own legal team and all such costs are listed under the third row in the table above. There has been a delay in receiving some invoices for this period. These costs will be reported in future quarterly budget reports.

**2 Core participant and witness costs.** The Chair has made a number of Core Participant determinations and designated several firms as recognised legal representatives. Expenditure relating to core participants or witnesses to the Inquiry is made per the cost award protocol. The Home Secretary has also made a determination setting out the conditions under which the Chair should make awards for legal representation. Cost awards are gaining momentum due to the Chair making a number of Core Participant determinations and the Inquiry's phase 1 hearings falling during this period. The Inquiry continues to receive and process invoices from Core Participant and witness representatives relating to the phase 1 hearings. Costs are set out in the fourth line of the table above and the Inquiry will continue to publish these costs in its budget reports.

**3 Running costs including accommodation and IT.** The Inquiry is currently invoiced every 16 weeks for accommodation. The majority of costs published for this period are for the Inquiry's document management systems and the phase 1 public hearings court room costs.

**4 Consultancy and specialist services.** Consultancy and specialist service costs paid during this reporting period include i) Communications; ii) Expert Witness services; iii) witness support services; iv) witness tracing services; and v) video footage editing services.

The Brook House Inquiry is an independent statutory inquiry. Being independent means the Inquiry is not part of the Government nor is run by any department.

The Inquiry's costs are met by the Home Office who sponsor the Inquiry. A joint management statement exists to ensure clear roles and responsibilities are in place to facilitate the running of the Inquiry, in accordance with the provisions of the Inquiries Act 2005 and the Inquiry Rules 2006.

The final costs of the Inquiry will be published at the close of the Inquiry once all invoices have been received and settled. The categories in the table may expand during the progress of the Inquiry.

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