

Brook House Inquiry End of Year 2021-22 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 April 2021 up to 31 March 2022.

Overview

The information in this report sets out the expenditure for the financial year 2021-22, totalling £10,765,302. Costs are recorded on a resource basis and audited by the National Audit Office as part of the sponsoring Department accounts.

DESCRIPTION	COST (£)
Chair	£114,232
Inquiry staffing (Secretariat)	£637,891
Inquiry legal costs (solicitor, counsel and legal team)	£5,861,177
Core participant and witness costs	£2,699,896 ¹
Running costs, including accommodation and IT	£944,565²
Consultancy and specialist services	£507,541 ³
TOTAL COSTS	£10,765,302

Notes on Costs

These figures cover expenditure where invoices have been paid during the reporting period. Costs also include accruals for invoices expected (for goods or services received in the 2022/21 financial year) but which have not been received by the end of the reporting period.

- 1. 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.
- **2. Running costs including accommodation and IT.** Running costs include accommodation rental document management systems and IT.
- **3. Consultancy and specialist services**. Services for this period consist of i) Expert witnesses ii) communications iii) AV support and conferencing for our public hearings iv) interpretation and translation services v) witness support services vi) video footage editing and vii) witness tracing.

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.

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