



Brook House Inquiry Quarter 2

July - September 2022 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 July up to 30 September 2022. 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 July up to 30 September 2022, totalling **£344,851**. Costs are recorded on a resource basis and audited by the National Audit Office as part of the sponsoring Department accounts.

DESCRIPTION	COST (£)
Chair	£29,341
Inquiry staffing, including secretariat	£100,953
Inquiry legal costs (solicitor, counsel and legal)	£296,322 ¹
Core participant and witness costs	-£39,930 ²
Running costs, including accommodation and IT	£6,588 ³
Consultancy and specialist services	-£48,423 ⁴
TOTAL COSTS	£344,851

Notes on costs

These figures include expenditure where invoices have been paid during the reporting period.

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.

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. Costs are set out in the fourth line of the table above. A negative cost is reported in this period due to an accounting adjustment which has been made to our Quarter 1 costs, which were lower than what we accrued for and reported in our Quarter 1 financial statement.

3 Running costs including accommodation and IT. The Inquiry is invoiced every 16 weeks for office accommodation. This reporting period includes a correction to our accommodation charges, which had previously been applied centrally to the Inquiry's account in error and which we were required to report in our Q1 financial statement. The majority of costs published for this period are for the Inquiry's Document Management Systems and accommodation.

4 Consultancy and specialist services. Consultancy and specialist service costs paid during this reporting period include i) witness support services; and ii) video footage editing services. A negative cost is reported in this period due to an accounting adjustment which has been made to the Quarter 1 costs for AV support and conferencing 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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