

Brook House Inquiry End of Year 2022-23 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 2022 up to 31 March 2023.

Overview

The information in this report sets out the expenditure for the financial year 2022-23, totalling £3,191,292. Costs are recorded on a resource basis and audited by the National Audit Office as part of the sponsoring Department accounts.

DESCRIPTION	COST (£)
Chair	£145,502
Inquiry staffing (Secretariat)	£437,965
Inquiry legal costs (solicitor, counsel and legal team)	£1,740,383 ¹
Core participant and witness costs	£410,532²
Running costs, including accommodation and IT	£320,863³
Consultancy and specialist services	£136,048 ⁴
TOTAL COSTS	£3,191,292

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 2022/23 financial year) but which have not been received by the end of the reporting period.

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.

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.

Running costs including accommodation and IT. The majority of costs published for this period are for the Inquiry's Document Management Systems and accommodation.

Consultancy and specialist services. Consultancy and specialist service costs paid during this reporting period include i) witness support services, ii) printing services, iii) video footage editing, iv) media services and v) witness tracing services, vi) AV support and conferencing for our public hearings and vii) witness tracing.

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.

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