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Dear [Redacted]

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 200821003

Thank you for your request dated 21 August in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

'I would like to find out how much money Ceon Broughton has received in legal aid.

I would also please like to know what the legal aid was used for on each occasion and when it was used and how much on each occasion as well.

Ceon Broughton was convicted of manslaughter in March 2019 over the death of Louella Fletcher-Michie and this week had that conviction overturned.'

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested, and I have provided it below:

Representation at	Solicitor	Barrister	Total	Case period
Crown court	£68,028.15	£66,033.30	£134,061.45	2018 to 2019
Police	£300.86		£300.86	2018
Prison	£292.12		£292.12	2019
Total	£68,621.13	£66,033.30	£134,654.43	2018 to 2019

The above costs include VAT and disbursements. Disbursements are expenses incurred which although paid by the LAA directly to the providers, are then paid to other parties involved in the case. The most recent proceedings for Ceon Broughton's appeal have only recently concluded and the billing process for all of the legal representatives has not concluded. The above figures are therefore accurate as at the time of writing but may be subject to change until all fees have been submitted, considered and paid.

The Legal Aid Agency (LAA) records data on legal aid granted at the police station, magistrates court or prison on a computer system which does not record all of the personal information needed to allow individuals to be conclusively identified. Initials and surnames are recorded but not full names or dates of birth. Where possible, we look at other related information to confirm that such legal aid claims relate to the individual named in a Freedom of Information request so that we can include the information as appropriate, but if we are

not able verify that a claim relates to the individual named we cannot include it in our response.

Criminals do not receive a penny of legal aid payments are means tested, and sent directly to solicitors and barristers who represent them to ensure a fair trial. Without legal representation criminals could argue their trial was unfair and convictions could be quashed.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

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You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely

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