

23 September 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 200901009

Thank you for your request received on the 1 September 2020, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Please could you reveal the total cost of legal aid provided to Ian Simms during the following case: <https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2020/2320.html> This Judicial Review application began in the Spring and has had several different hearings.

Your request has been handled under the FOIA and I can confirm that the MoJ holds some of the information that you have requested. As this is a recent case, we hold information on the costs paid to date to represent Ian Simms in this matter, however as at the time of writing, the final bill for payment has not yet been received. Legal aid claims are submitted 'on account' while a matter is in progress, and then a final balancing payment is made in arrears after a case has concluded, and therefore all figures paid 'on account' are subject to change.

The present amount paid in respect of the above is £3,069.46. This reflects the totality of all types of claims made (e.g. solicitors, barristers, disbursements for expert fees etc., as applicable) and is inclusive of VAT, where applicable.

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.

data.access@justice.gov.uk
Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice

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
Information Governance
Legal Aid Agency