

Brook House Inquiry 2019/2020 End of Year 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 5 November (when the Inquiry was announced) up to 31 March 2020. 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 5 November 2019 to 31 March 2020, totalling £284,998. Costs are recorded on a resource basis and audited by the National Audit Office as part of the sponsoring Department accounts.

DESCRIPTION	COST (£)
Chair	26,263
Inquiry staffing, including secretariat	49,294
Inquiry legal costs (solicitor, counsel and legal team)	72,643
Core participant and witness costs	See notes below
Running costs, including accommodation and IT	114,829
Consultancy and specialist services	21,969
TOTAL COSTS	284,998

Table A: Costs

Notes on costs

These figures cover expenditure where invoices have been processed and accruals for the reporting period.

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.

The Inquiry is directly funding its own legal team and all such costs are listed under the third row above, with the costs relating to the Chair included in the first row.

Core Participant and Witness costs: The Opening Hearing for the Inquiry took place on 21 April 2020. Expenditure relating to core participants or witnesses was not invoiced in the reporting period covered in this report and is therefore not included in the Inquiry's costs for this reporting period. The Inquiry will publish these figures in its 20/21 quarterly budget reports. 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.

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.

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