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Response to Freedom of Information Requests

Requestees:

Jacqueline McIntyre – BBC Northern Ireland
Good Morning Ulster
Request made on 20 October 2008
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Deborah McAleese – Belfast Telegraph
Request made on 20 October 2008
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jacqueline McIntyre [mailto:jacqueline.mcintyre@bbc.co.uk]
Sent: 20 October 2008 13:18

Further to our conversation I'm writing to request details of the total fees incurred by the defence team associated with the following trials:

1. Sean Hoey 2. Terence Davison 3. Chris Ward In the first instance we're interested in the Sean Hoey case in particular fees incurred by the defence team and also any other costs e.g. expert witnesses.

Name: Deborah McAleese
Email: dmcaleese@belfasttelegraph.co.uk
Comment/Questions: I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act

The total cost - or an approximate estimation - of legal aid granted in the case of Terence Davison.

Sent: 14:26:42 20/10/2008

Terence Davison

Criminal Legal Aid Certificates are issued by the Court and at the conclusion of cases such as this the legal representatives submit a claim to the Taxing Master. The Taxing Master completes an assessment and determination of amounts to be paid. The Taxing Master notifies the Legal Services Commission and the Commission makes payment.



Responses issued after midday on Friday 24 October 2008

Chairman: Jim Daniell Chief Executive: Gerry Crossan



To date no final determination of the amounts to be paid has been made or notified to the Commission, which is accordingly not able to provide any information regarding the final costs.

Payments have however been issued by the Commission in respect of interim payments claimed. The total paid to date is £31416.81 including VAT and is in respect of fees for legal representation.

Name: Deborah McAleese
Email: dmcaleese@belfasttelegraph.co.uk
Comment/Questions: I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act

The total cost - or an approximate estimation - of legal aid granted in the case of Christopher Ward.

Thank you
Sent: 14:25:24 20/10/2008

Christopher Ward

Criminal Legal Aid Certificates are issued by the Court and at the conclusion of cases such as this the legal representatives submit a claim to the Taxing Master. The Taxing Master completes an assessment and determination of amounts to be paid. The Taxing Master notifies the Legal Services Commission and the Commission makes payment.

To date no final determination of the amounts to be paid has been made or notified to the Commission, which is accordingly not able to provide any information regarding the final costs.

Payments have however been issued by the Commission in respect of interim payments claimed. The total paid to date is £56614.00 including VAT and is in respect of fees for legal representation.

Name: Deborah McAleese
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Comment/Questions: I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act

The total cost - or an approximate estimation - of legal aid granted in the case of Sean Hoey.
Sent: 14:26:08 20/10/2008

Sean Hoey

Criminal Legal Aid Certificates are issued by the Court and at the conclusion of cases such as this the legal representatives submit a claim to the Taxing Master. The Taxing Master completes an assessment and determination of amounts to be paid. The Taxing Master notifies the Legal Services Commission and the Commission makes payment.

To date no final determination of the amounts to be paid has been made or notified to the Commission, which is accordingly not able to provide any information regarding the final costs.

Payments have however been issued by the Commission in respect of interim payments claimed. The total paid to date in respect of interim payments is £2,425,958 which includes fees to legal representatives, VAT and disbursements. (Disbursements are payments made by solicitors on behalf of a client)