

FOI RESPONSE ISSUED - 1 FEBRUARY 2024

REQUEST

“ .. Please could you provide me with the following information:

1. Your Annual Report of 2022-2023 ([Advocate-earnings-2022-23-Alphabetical-order.pdf \(slab.org.uk\)](#)) states:

"This table shows what we paid to the Faculty of Advocates, or directly, for each advocate between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023."

a) In terms of your statement above "*...what we paid to the Faculty of Advocates..*", are these payments which were made directly to Faculty Services Ltd and, if so, what was the total amount paid to Faculty Services Ltd between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, including any smaller payments less than £25,000?

b) In terms of your statement above "*...or directly, for each advocate...*", are these SLAB payments which were paid directly into the bank account of an individual advocate and, if so, what was the total amount of these payments that were made between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, including any smaller payments less than £25,000?

2. Your Annual Report of 2022-2023 ([Advocate-earnings-2022-23-Alphabetical-order.pdf \(slab.org.uk\)](#)) goes on to state:

"Fees paid via the nominated solicitor, e.g. in judicial expenses cases, are not included."

c) In terms of your statement above, what was total amount paid to nominated solicitors between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, including any smaller payments less than £25,000?"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE 2002 ACT

In answer to your request, the following table details what we paid directly to the Faculty of Advocates, to individual Advocates and payments made in relation to Counsel via the nominated solicitor. This table is split by fees (inc vat) and Total paid (inc vat) which includes Outlays (inc vat). To confirm these figures do include all the smaller total payments less than £25,000.

Due to the way payments via the nominated solicitor are recorded we are unable to identify specifically the fee payments in these cases. However, the outlays element will be very small as indicated by the other two lines.

	Total fees (inc vat) £000	Total paid (inc vat) £000
Faculty of Advocates	11,640	11,792
Paid directly to individual Advocates	602	612
Counsel paid via the nominated solicitor	n/a	1,182