



The Hon. Lord Weir

Chair of the Eljamel Inquiry

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Dear Mr Gibson,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 April 2025, requesting data relating to the breakdown of costs to end March 2025. I was appointed as the independent Chair of the Public Inquiry on 29 February 2024. The Inquiry was subsequently launched following the fixing of its terms of reference on 3 April 2025. The costs below relate to the financial year 2024/2025.

The breakdown of costs are as follows:

1. Staff costs

These include staff responsible and accountable for the overall administration and management of the Inquiry.

£666,949

2. Operational costs

These include items and services required by the Inquiry to conduct its work effectively.

£64,920

3. Expenses, including witness expenses

These are costs incurred by witnesses to attend hearings, and by staff when travelling on Inquiry business.

£96

4. Inquiry legal services

These costs encompass external legal advice provided to the Inquiry, including counsel.

£316,035

5. Engagement

These costs refer to public participation events or costs such as translating documents and guides to make them more widely accessible, maintaining the Inquiry website, distributing Inquiry news updates and producing explanatory videos.

£39,766

6. Research and consultancy

This includes academic research commissioned by the Inquiry to assist its investigations and preparations for public hearings. It also covers external services, for example, bereavement and listening support for people engaging with the Inquiry.

£1,900

7. Core participant fees

These are fees paid to core participants' legal representatives.

Nil return

Yours sincerely

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