

Cost of Scottish inquiries (updated 24 November 2025)*Public inquiries since 2007*

Inquiry title	Date announced	Final report published	Inquiry cost (cash prices)
ICL Stockline (industrial explosion)	October 2007	July 2009	£1.9m
Campbell Inquiry (Fingerprints)	March 2008	December 2011	£4.8m
Penrose Inquiry (Contaminated blood)	April 2008	March 2015	£12.1m
Vale of Leven Inquiry (Hospital-acquired infection)	April 2009	November 2014	£10.7m
Edinburgh Tram Inquiry	June 2014	September 2023	£13.1m
Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry	December 2014	Ongoing	£102.0 to Sep 2025
Scottish Hospitals Inquiry	September 2019	Ongoing	£29.1m to Sep 2025
Sheku Bayoh Inquiry	November 2019	Ongoing	£26.2m to Sep 2025
Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry	December 2021	Ongoing	£45.5m to Sep 2025
Professor Eljamel Inquiry	September 2023	Ongoing	£2.0 m to Sep 2025
Emma Caldwell Case Inquiry	March 2024	Not started yet	NA

(Sources: [SN06410.pdf](#), [Investigation into government funded inquiries](#) and individual inquiry reports/websites.)

The total cost of these inquiries, when completed inquiry costs are put into 2024-25 prices, is £258.8 million (thus far). This is £9.3 million more than when the last update was published in September.

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