

Cost of Legal Representation Awards Ruling 7

1. In a ruling of today's date I designated Mike Schwarz of Bindmans the recognised legal representative in the Inquiry for Carolyn Wilson and Reclaim the Streets. Mr Schwarz has made a simultaneous application under section 40 of the Inquiries Act 2005 and rule 20 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 for an award of costs of legal representation at the Inquiry in favour of Ms Wilson and Reclaim the Streets.
2. The principles to be applied to such an application were identified in my first costs award ruling of 16 December 2015, in particular at paragraphs 3 – 16. They apply equally to the present applications.
3. I have examined the criteria as required under rule 21(2) of the Inquiry Rules 2006. Having considered the financial information made available to me, I am satisfied that the applicants have insufficient personal means with which to fund legal representation at the Inquiry. I consider that it is in the public interest that I should make a costs award under section 40 of the 2005 Act.
4. Mr Schwarz has not provided the further information required by rule 20 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 and the Secretary of State's Costs Determination, I presume because his intention is to rely on the information provided to the Inquiry in support of the applications of his existing core participant clients, that I have already approved. It is on this basis that I make the present awards. The costs awards originally made in favour of all publicly funded core participants are limited to work that is *necessary* in preparation for oral hearings of preliminary issues and for applications for restriction orders prohibiting disclosure of the identity of the applicant. They expire, subject to extension, on 31 July 2016. Ms Wilson and Reclaim the Streets have no interest in the remaining preliminary issue concerning the identities of deceased children. The only interest that remains is a response, if any, to applications for anonymity made by other core participants. A costs award letter will be issued to Mr Schwarz accordingly.
5. The Inquiry has also received a request from Jane Deighton of Deighton Pierce Glynn for approval of a change to the composition of Ms Deighton's legal team which requires my approval under paragraph 2d of the Secretary of State's Costs Determination. I approve the change to be made and an award letter will follow.

25 May 2016

Sir Christopher Pitchford
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry