

Costs of Legal Representation Awards

Ruling 9

1. In rulings of today's date I have designated HAB a core participant in the Inquiry and I have designated Stefano Ruis of Hickman and Rose HAB's recognised legal representative in the Inquiry.
2. Mr Ruis has made an application on HAB's behalf for an award of costs of legal representation under section 40 of the Inquiries Act 2005.
3. I set out the principles and my approach to applications for costs awards to core participants in my first Costs of Legal Representation Awards ruling of 16 December 2015, in particular at paragraphs 3 – 15. This ruling should be read together with those paragraphs.
4. HAB is eligible for an award under section 40 (3) of the 2005 Act because, in my view, she has such a particular interest in the proceedings or in the outcome of the Inquiry that an award of costs is justifiable.
5. I have received information as to HAB's personal financial affairs and I conclude, for the purpose of rule 21 of the Inquiry Rules 2006, that she does not have the resources with which to fund her own representation at the Inquiry and the making of the award is in the public interest.
6. The Secretary of State for the Home Department issued a Costs Determination under section 40 (4) of the 2005 Act that, at paragraph 2.a, requires me to make an award only when I consider it necessary, fair, reasonable and proportionate to do so. I have no doubt that the application meets the Secretary of State's criteria because the applicant has an important contribution to make to the Inquiry and there is no other means by which her participation can be funded. I approve Mr Ruis' proposal for his legal team under paragraph 2.d of the Costs Determination. A costs award letter will be issued.

3 August 2016

Sir Christopher Pitchford
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry