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Total budget for SEND provision

Thank you for your request for information relating to total budget for SEND provisions. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

I require the following information for the periods: 1st Sept to 31st August 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

- 1. Your LEA's total budget for SEND provisions**
- 2. The amount spent by your LEA on SENDIST casework. This should include any money spent preparing for, or during SEND tribunals.**
- 3. The amount of money allocated to internal counsel for SENDIST casework.** I am not aware of any specific amount of money allocated to internal counsel (or Legal Services) for SENDIST casework. SENDIST casework is primarily undertaken by the ICDS Team with the occasional use of external Counsel on complex/costly cases. Legal Services will provide general advice as and when requested by the ICDS Team subject to capacity/specialism however I am not aware of any separate charge for such advice.
- 4. The amount of money spent on external legal advice for SENDIST casework.**
- 5. Where external legal advice was used please state the name of the contracted company and how much it was paid.** The Counsel that Legal Services have instructed in the last 4 years on behalf of the ICDS Team would be based at the following Chambers:

39 Essex Chambers, London
Ropewalk Chambers, Nottingham