

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO H.M. ATTORNEY GENERAL
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2011**

Question

Will H.M. Attorney General inform Members of the fees paid to all external legal firms undertaking work on behalf of the Law Officers' Department for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 with a breakdown of the fees paid to individual firms in each of those years?

Answer

We have taken the expression "all external legal firms" to relate to both Jersey legal practices and any firms of lawyers practicing outside of Jersey.

Although not strictly within the terms of the question (not being firms), information is also given as to payments made to the chambers of English barristers who may have either given advice to the Attorney General or assisted in the investigation of and prosecution of serious crimes sometimes on an extended basis. Accordingly we have included such chambers of English Barristers in the term "all external legal firms".

Such external legal firms provide a variety of services to the Law Officers amongst which are:

1. The prosecution through appointed Crown Advocates of criminal cases on behalf of the Attorney General;
2. The representation through Advocates of Ministers in civil or family cases;
3. The provision of advice to the Law Officers' Department;
4. Acting as agents for the Law Officers' Department;
5. Providing investigatory services in connection with Criminal investigations; and
6. Providing prosecution support services.

No distinction is made in the information below between those activities.

We have given information relating to the Historic Child Abuse Inquiry and the costs of representing the Minister for Health and Social Services in public law childrens' matters separately. In the latter case a sum is paid by Health and Social Services to offset a proportion of that cost.

2008

Jersey Firms	
Walkers	£377,846
Ogier	£162,372
Bakerplatt	£160,302
Appleby	£83,041
Carey Olsen	£72,313
Mourant Du Feu & Jeune	£64,998
Bedell Cristin	£60,184
Crill Canavan	£25,766

Barristers' Chambers and UK Firms	
7 Bedford Row (Eight matters)	£683,610*
Three New Square	£10,968
18 Red Lion Court	£7,569
3 Verulam Buildings	£3,400
QEB Hollis Whiteman	£2,668
David Price Solicitors & Advocates	£1,868
Crown Office Chambers	£1,400

Unless otherwise stated, barristers' chambers were working on one matter only during the year.

*In January 2010, in response to a question from Deputy Le Herissier, the Attorney General reported the amount paid to 7 Bedford Row in 2008 was £656,182. Due to an administrative oversight, one barrister's fees were omitted from that total, resulting in the higher figure now being reported.

Historic Child Abuse

Jersey Firms	
Bakerplatt	£845,354
Carey Olsen	£19,308

Barristers' Chambers and UK Firms	
4-5 Gray's Inn Square	£16,500
QEB Hollis Whiteman	£3,292
Blackstone Chambers	£1,750

2009

Jersey Firms	
Walkers	£478,819
Ozannes	£313,666
Bakerplatt	£283,350
Appleby	£88,580
Bedell Cristin	£68,968
Mourant Du Feu & Jeune	£59,186
Carey Olsen	£32,494
Ogier	£30,219
Crill Canavan	£825

Barristers' Chambers and UK Firms	
7 Bedford Row (Eight matters)	£671,790
18 Red Lion Court	£69,972
Baker & McKenzie	£28,263
23 Essex Street	£14,438
Matrix Chambers	£14,678
Blackstone Chambers	£6,000
1 Kings Bench Walk	£750

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Jersey Firms	
Bakerplatt	£1,001,525

Barristers' Chambers and UK Firms	
Herbert Smith LLP	£20,494
Olswang	£9,686
Colleton Chambers	£5,750
7 Bedford Row	£875

2010

Jersey Firms	
Baker and Partners	£617,557
Walkers	£283,764
Ozannes	£182,072
Mourant Ozannes	£177,284
Carey Olsen	£131,716
Appleby	£93,982
Bedell Cristin	£91,246
Mourant Du Feu & Jeune	£32,183
Crill Canavan	£20,629
Backhurst Dorey & Crane	£6,079
Jowitt Legal Services	£5,980
Ogier	£4,245

Barristers' Chambers and UK Firms	
7 Bedford Row (Six matters)	£642,105
18 Red Lion Court	£80,935
Fulcrum Chambers LLP	£41,200
David Price Solicitors & Advocates	£14,383
Matrix Chambers (Two matters)	£14,220
4-5 Gray's Inn Square	£13,225
3-2 Bedford Row	£9,900
2 Hare Court	£5,750
Blackstone Chambers	£5,750
6 King's Bench Walk	£3,701
1 Garden Court	£2,500
Baker & McKenzie (Two matters)	£1,709
15 Old Square	£750

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Jersey Firms	
Baker and Partners	£348,348

Barristers' Chambers and UK Firms	
7 Bedford Row	£11,753

Children's Matters

Jersey Firms	
Appleby	£360,919
Backhurst Dorey & Crane	£116,016
Bakerplatt	£12,235

Barristers' Chambers and UK Firms	
Harcourt Chambers	£8,000

The Department receives £103,829 of 'Williamson' funding from the Health and Social Services Department to offset some of these expenses.