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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 March 2021 16:07
To: [REDACTED] Lee Bridges
Subject: RE: M Hill Tracking ID:0284000296

Hi

Not for me to decide, of course, but it would seem consistent with how we have handled these costs previously for us to pay these two final invoices.

The employer liability insurance is supposed to cover most costs, but where there are costs above what the insurance covers we have paid these.

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Hi both, Mike Hill's office has asked about claiming for legal costs relating to the complaint made by the MP's member of staff. You'll recall there was some media coverage of the fact that he had made a claim for the £2k EPL insurance excess. Thought I would flag as this feels quite risky.

We would normally allow claims where an MP has brought in an independent person to investigate a complaint or grievance. But as this was dealt with by the ICGS, there wouldn't have been any need for that, and presumably the legal costs were specifically about defending the MP against the allegation. (Any legal costs relating to the actual tribunal would have been covered by EPL.)

Let me know your thoughts. Lee – from your experience, is it normal for lawyers to be involved in the ICGS process?

To note, we have funded legal costs in other cases – e.g. one where a claim against the MP was brought by a constituent, for which contingency funding was approved.

Thanks

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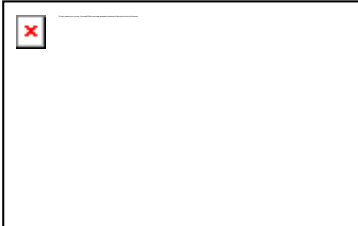
Hi [REDACTED]

As you will know, Mike Hill has stood down as an MP. He had incurred legal costs during his time as an MP in the process of defending a complaint against him from a former member of staff.

The invoices from the solicitor is attached. His Office Manager would like to know whether these costs would be claimable. Can you advise what our position would be?

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Received: 23/03/2021 14:34

To: <Enquiry>

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Subject: FW: M Hill

For the attention [REDACTED]

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Following on from our phone conversation this morning, re Mr Hills legal costs.

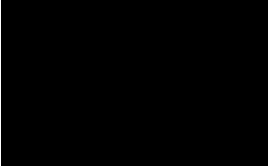
Mr Hill incurred these costs defending a complaint against him. This complaint was made to the ICGS by a former member of staff and from his time as a sitting MP.

Please see attached, two invoices from Hudgell solicitors, which are for £5,000 + 20% VAT. The total cost Mr Hill would like to claim is £12,000.


Could you please let me know if Mr Hill is able to claim this amount and if yes, from which budget should it come from.

Regards

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