

DAWN STURGES INQUIRY FINANCIAL REPORT - April 2025 – September 2025

1. OVERVIEW

This report sets out expenditure from 1st April 25 to 30th September 25, and the Inquiry's cumulative costs. The total expenditure for 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2025 is £589k, and total lifetime costs are £8.03m. A breakdown is given in the table below:

	April – September 25 (£)	Total to Date (£)
Legal costs*	410,985	4,296,128
IT costs	296	154,191
Staffing costs (incl. Chairman)	209,267	2,069,633
Estates and Hearings	-31,321	1,510,929

*These include Counsel to the Inquiry, Solicitor to the Inquiry, S40 costs, experts and travel and subsistence.

2. FURTHER DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE RELATING TO THE CHAIR AND INQUIRY SECRETARIAT

Chairman

Lord Anthony Hughes

The table below shows a breakdown of the contractual cost for Lord Anthony Hughes, along with expenses claimed for business related travel and accommodation.

	April – September 25 (£)	Total to Date (£)
Salary	41,218	192,110
Expenses	3,096	5,259

Inquiry Secretary

The Inquiry Secretary's costs from 1st April 2025 to 30th September 2025 are £60,872 totalling £392,699 to date.