

1) How much has been paid to the Community Law Partnership of Birmingham and Davies Gore Lomax LLP of Leeds by the Legal Services Commission and the Legal Aid Board in each of the last five accounting years for which figures are available.

2) How many cases there were.

I can confirm that the LSC holds the information requested and that it is outlined at **Annex A**. Due to the way in which the LSC records fund take the figures provided have been broken down by scheme and exclude telephone advice.

The figures for Civil Representation include the number of cases which were closed in the year and the amount spent on those cases over the life of the case. The figures for Legal Help and Crime Lower include the number of claims received in the year and the value of those claims. The Crime Higher figures include the number of cases for which payments were made in the year and the value of those payments.

The LSC compiled these figures as at October 2011 and they are unaudited. The figures may not be directly comparable over time, due to changes in the way that data is recorded and updated, different claiming mechanisms for the various legal aid schemes as well as the complex nature of the LSC's management information and IT systems.

3) What proportion of the sum in each year was paid to the Community Law Partnership for cases brought by or against (a) travellers or traveller families and (b) local and public authorities, broken down by authority;

4) How many cases there were in each year, and:

5) How many of the cases funded in each year resulted in (i) a satisfied order for costs being made in favour of the client represented by the Community Law Partnership and (ii) an irrecoverable financial loss to the Legal Aid Board or the Legal Services Commission?

The LSC is unable to identify cases involving travellers because we do not record information relating to the ethnicity of travelling peoples. I can therefore confirm that the LSC does not hold the information in the format requested in relation to travellers.