

Cost of the RHI Inquiry

DESCRIPTION	COSTS
Inquiry direct costs¹	
The overall actual cost of the Inquiry from 1 February 2017 to 31 August 2020	£7.362m
Departments' legal costs²	
DAERA	£0.022m
DfE	£2.735m
DoF	£0.373m
TEO	£1.104m
Total departmental legal costs	£4.234m
TOTAL COST OF THE RHI INQUIRY³	£11.596m

¹ Funded by the Department of Finance

² Legal costs include the costs associated with advice and representation, and from both the Departmental Solicitor's Office and Counsel. The DoF costs cover Counsel's fees only; DSO does not hard-charge its own department, so the notional costs of DSO services to DoF cannot be extracted.

³ In addition, there will be costs to departments of officials responding to the Inquiry / sponsorship of the Inquiry, but these are not separately identifiable.