| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3226Responded to: xx January 25 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request information about the costs associated with deaths in custody Fatal Accident Inquiry hearings. This information is requested in the cases of Lamara Bell & John Yuill and Warren Fenty.

## Please provide the total cost of legal services billed to FAI work where Police Scotland was a party per year for 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024.

## Please include costs associated with preliminary hearings and any other related matters in the total costs.

## Please also provide the legal costs associated with the cases below regardless of the year in which expenditure fell.

We clarified with you that the requested information relates only to costs following a death in custody or after police contact but not where police were a core participant in FAIs for deaths in other contexts.

In response, the total Legal Services costs of all death in custody and death cases following police contact (inclusive of Lamara Bell & John Yuill and Warren Fenty) is provided in table 1, below:

Table 1: Total Legal Services costs of all death in custody and death following police contact  (inclusive of Lamara Bell & John Yuill & Warren Fenty)

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|  | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
|   | £91,793.02 | £201,724.76 | £31,697.10 |

Table 2: Total Legal Services costs relating to Lamara Bell & John Yuill & Warren Fenty.

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|  | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |  **Billed o/s requested period** |
| Lamara Bell & John Yuill | £29,483.60 | £176,184.70 | £4,590.00 |  |
| Warren Fenty | £40,833.00 |  |  |  £21, 459.48  |

If you require any further assistance please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.