

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission

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Our ref: SLCC budget 2010/11.FA
Your ref: A09-1/GA/SB

Dear Mr Armstrong

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget and Levy 2010/11

Further to my letter of 19 January 2010 and subsequent correspondence in relation to the SLCC's 2010/11 budget, please find enclosed the final budget and an invoice for the levy owing from the Faculty.

The Board considered the responses it received from all the consultees very carefully. In its response of 23 February 2010, the Faculty requested that the SLCC increase the discount applied to Advocates to the same as in-house lawyers (ie, from 19% to 66%), hence reducing the general levy on individual members. Your reasoning for this was it was appropriate on the basis of proportionality because the Faculty generates low numbers of complaints, overall making less of a call on our resources. The Board, while accepting the reasoning, does not accept that the discount should be increased by the level suggested. After careful consideration, taking into account the matter of proportionality, the SLCC has decided to increase the discount from 19% to 50%, resulting in an individual levy of £118 for the coming year. The total amount due from the Faculty is £53,580.

The SLCC looks forward to receiving the Faculty's payment. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the budget, please contact me or Rosemary Agnew (Acting CEO).

Yours sincerely

Jane Irvine
Chair of the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission

Cc: Carole Ferguson-Walker

Enc: SLCC 2010/11 Budget
Invoice