Dear ACL LAG member

We have been asked by the Law Society to contribute our collective thoughts about an issue raised at the CCCG meeting on Wednesday. The LAPG representative raised the issue of the likely negative impact of fixed recoverable costs on housing providers, given that inter-partes costs orders are their main source of profit and subsidise legal aid work. The Law Society wonder if the ACL has any data on the value of inter-partes orders in housing claims that could be used to compare with the proposed FRCs that could be shared? The Law Society are about to publish a short report on civil legal aid sustainability and it would be good if we could give them some evidence based concerns about the impact of FRCs on the housing provider base.

If anyone does this sort of work and has some thoughts and data that we can share with the Law Society by 23 September at the latest would you please make contact with me urgently via lagchair@costslawyer.co.uk.

I personally have no work in this area of legal aid so have nothing that I can contribute myself hence this appeal to our members.

Please help if you can and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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