

The ACL Legal Aid Group are pleased to learn that the Legal Aid Agency have agreed, in principle, to engage in a genuine consultation about abolishing the assessment of civil bills by the Courts, and that our expertise in this area has proved valuable to the Law Society's endeavours. We await the terms of that consultation.

The LAA have engaged with the ACL LAG before and we have achieved positive outcomes on issues. We gave what we believe to be one of the most detailed and well thought out responses / analysis, but were disappointed that, on this occasion, the LAA refused to engage on any point except some discussion on the format of the Bill. We hope very much that the LAA will now engage with us in everything we raised in our consultation response last year.