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Deputy Boland,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dail Question No: 390

To ask the Minister for Transport the total spend by his Department on external legal services in each of the past three years; the main areas of legal activity for which external advice was sought; if he will provide a breakdown by case or category; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dail Question No: 392

To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on legal fees associated with litigation, advice and settlements in each of the past three years by his Department and agencies under its aegis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dail Question No: 414

To ask the Minister for Transport if all external legal fees incurred by his Department, and by any bodies under its aegis, are charged at negotiated discounted rates; how fees are monitored for compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dail Question No: 415

To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department conducts regular benchmarking, or market testing, to ensure that the rates paid for legal services, solicitors and barristers, represent value for money for the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dail Question No: 419

To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department makes use of capped fee arrangements, fixed-fee briefs, success-based fee models or other such arrangements in its legal engagements; if not, the reason such options are not considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dail Question No: 420

To ask the Minister for Transport whether any legal engagements have exceeded their initial estimated or approved cost in the past three years; if so, the number of such cases and total overrun; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Identical Question(s): to all Depts.

Dear Deputy Boland,

Thank you for your queries.

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Kind regards,



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