



Response to Ministry of Justice proposals on fixed recoverable costs (19 November 2012)

APIL president Karl Tonks said:

“We’re appalled by these proposals, which are wholly damaging to the interests of injured people.

A fee of £1,600 for an employers’ liability case valued up to £25,000 is not at all reflective of the work involved and serves to cut independent legal advice from the system. Alternatively, injured people will have to pay for legal advice out of the compensation that they need. Consultation on how the new employers’ liability and public liability systems will operate is still underway and cases have not been openly costed, so how these fees could have been fairly calculated is a mystery.

The Government must listen to reason if these reforms are to be in any way workable and just for injured people”.