



## News Release

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### **PPS PUBLISHES DETAILS OF PAYMENT MADE TO EXTERNAL COUNSEL 2011-12**

The Public Prosecution Service (PPS) today published details of the £5.446m payments it made to external counsel during the financial year 2011-12.

The PPS employs the services of external counsel in the prosecution of certain cases, primarily in the Crown and higher courts, drawn in the main from a panel of members of the Northern Ireland Bar.

#### **Notes to Editors**

Details paid to counsel are set out in the attached table.

Panel members were selected by means of a procurement exercise conducted in 2008.

Successful applicants demonstrated the necessary breadth of skills and professional competence to prosecute on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

This panel is currently under review and will be re-established from 1 November 2012.

## Public Prosecution Services for Northern Ireland: Counsel Fees 2011-12

### Independent Counsel: Fee payments during 2011-12

Payment Band	Number of Counsel*
£25k and under	49
£25k - £50k	20
£50k - £75k	6
£75k - £100k	12
£100k - £125k	4
£125k - £150k	5
£150k - £175k	5
£175k - £200k	1
£200k - £225k	0
£225k - £250k	0
£250k - £275k	2
£275k - £300k	1

\*Includes non-panel counsel