



States of
Guernsey

Access to Public Information Request

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Access to Public Information request regarding work conducted by Ferbrache & Farrell LLP for the States of Guernsey

Request:

How much the law firm Ferbrache & Farrell LLP or any of its subsidiaries received for work conducted on behalf of the States of Guernsey since May 2016?

A breakdown of the above work done on the behalf of the States, including in each instance: how much was paid to the firm, the nature of the work, the timeframe in which it was conducted, and for which government committee.

If you cannot provide information on the amounts paid to Ferbrache & Farrell LLP or any of its subsidiaries, please detail the number of times the firm has been engaged since May 2016, the nature of the work, the timeframe involved, and for which government committee the work was done for.

The findings of an internal audit review which found on 31.01.18 that found £300,000 paid to Ferbrache & Farrell LLP by Guernsey's States involved "no evidence" of a conflict of interest by Deputy Peter Ferbrache.

Response (provided by the Policy & Resources Committee):

No Committee or trading body of the States of Guernsey has used the services of the Guernsey law firm Ferbrache & Farrell.

It is a matter of public record that the independent Office of the Public Trustee has in the past used the services of Ferbrache & Farrell. A public statement in relation to this was made on 31 January 2018: <https://gov.gg/article/163588/Economic-Development-to-examine-law-and-governance-of-the-Office-of-the-Public-Trustee-following-special-review>.

The Law Officers Chambers have also instructed Ferbrache & Farrell to act in proceedings brought against the States of Guernsey.