

The consultation closes on **19/01/2027 23:59**.

Consultees do not need to answer all questions if only some are of interest or relevance.

Answers should be submitted by PDF or Word document to CJC.Costs.Consultation@Judiciary.uk

If you have any questions about the consultation or submission process, please contact CJC@judiciary.uk

Please name your submission as follows: 'name/organisation - CJC Costs'

Call for Evidence - Solicitors	Call for Evidence - Barristers
As part of the Cost Group's public consultation, we are seeking evidence relating claims that may substantiate the existence of commercial work undertaken above the current London 1 band for solicitors. The cases submitted must be completed inter partes commercial claims where rates above the current GHR have been agreed or awarded. Please follow the link to the consultation form. You will need to submit one form per case. Civil Justice Council Costs Consultation – Fill in form	As part of the Cost Group's consultation, we are seeking evidence relating to the hourly rates charged by barristers, as well charging methodologies and structures. The form can be filled out by individual barristers, Chambers, solicitors firms and other related associations. Please follow the link to the consultation form. CJC Costs Consultation - Barristers' GHRs – Fill in form

You **must** fill in the following table and submit this cover sheet with your written response:

Your response is (public/anonymous/confidential):	
First name:	
Last name:	
Location:	
Role:	
Job title:	
Organisation:	
Are you responding on behalf of your organisation?	
Your email address:	

Information provided to the Civil Justice Council

We aim to be transparent and to explain the basis on which conclusions have been reached. We may publish or disclose information you provide in response to Civil Justice Council papers, including personal information. For example, we may publish an extract of your response in Civil Justice Council publications or publish the response itself. Additionally, we may be required to disclose the information, such as in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We will process your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Consultation responses are most effective where we are able to report which consultees responded to us, and what they said. If you consider that it is necessary for all or some of the information that you provide to be treated as **confidential** and so neither published nor disclosed, please contact us before sending it. Please limit the confidential material to the minimum, clearly identify it and explain why you want it to be confidential. We cannot guarantee that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances and an automatic disclaimer generated by your IT system will not be regarded as binding on the Civil Justice Council.

Alternatively, you may want your response to be **anonymous**. That means that we may refer to what you say in your response but will not reveal that the information came from you. You might want your response to be anonymous because it contains sensitive information about you or your organisation, or because you are worried about other people knowing what you have said to us.

We list who responded to our consultations in our reports. If you provide a confidential response your name will appear in that list. If your response is anonymous, we will not include your name in the list unless you have given us permission to do so. Please let us know if you wish your response to be anonymous or confidential.

The full list of consultation questions is below:

The higher band for complex, high-value commercial work

1. Do you agree that the proposed definition of Band 1A as "extremely complex, high value commercial and corporate litigation" adequately identifies the cases that should fall within the new higher band? If not, what alternative wording or amendments would you suggest?
2. If you are able to provide evidence about completed inter partes cases in England and Wales where rates above London 1 have been agreed or awarded, please refer to the call for evidence form outlined in the consultation cover sheet.
3. Are there any other matters on which you would like to give evidence concerning the proposed new higher band?

Guideline Rates for Counsel's Fees

4. Are you able to provide any evidence of the extent to which hourly rates dictate the level of counsel's fees charged for (a) written work (b) hearings (other than trials) and (c) trial fees (brief fees and refreshers)?
5. Is the grouping into "commercial/chancery" and "general civil" appropriate? If not, what changes would you suggest?
6. Is the allocation of practice areas used in the Bar Survey appropriate for determining GHRs? If not, what changes would you suggest?
7. If you are able to provide any current evidence of what barristers charge for separate areas of work and the level of call of the barrister(s) concerned, please refer to the consultation form outlined on the cover sheet.
8. How should GHRs apply to trial preparation and refreshers?