



Mr William Watts

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Dear Mr Watts,

Thank you for your email of 26 September, in which you asked for the following information from the UK Supreme Court (UKSC).

*Could you please confirm whether or not any of the Supreme Court judges receive or have received a stipend or any other form of income from the EU or any of its associated bodies.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that we hold the information you requested.

No justices have received financial support from the EU. However, it is possible that out of pocket expenses may have been reimbursed for Justices attending events organised by EU bodies, but these are predominantly reimbursed by the UK Supreme Court, including attendance at events including those at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in Luxembourg.

Four Justices (Lord Reed, Lord Kerr, Lord Carnwath, Lady Arden) have sat on European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) as ad hoc judges. However, the ECHR is not an EU institution. It is the judicial body of an entirely separate and older organisation called the Council of Europe. So long as the UK is party to the ECHR, it has to have a judge on the court, both as a matter of meeting its legal obligations and also in its own interests. UK judges who sit there on an ad hoc basis are nominated by the UK Government to do so.

Justices routinely participate in events organised by the Association of the Council of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdiction of European Union (ACA) to which the UK Supreme Court pays an annual fee of £3100. For these events, the ACA provides accommodation for the justices and provides up to €275 per trip for receipt based travel and subsistence.

Additionally, the UK Supreme Court pays an annual fee of £1800 to the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of The European Union – again justices attend events organised by the Network and as such may have reasonable accommodation and travel provided, otherwise costs are met by the UK Supreme Court.

I hope that answers your questions. For more information, you may wish to contact the 'EU or any of its associated bodies' directly, as they will have more information about what money they pay out to individuals.

As part of our obligations under the FOIA, the UK Supreme Court has an independent review process. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may write to request an internal review. The internal review will be carried out by someone who did not make the original decision, and they will re-assess how the Department handled the original request.

If you wish to request an internal review, please write or send an email to the following address:

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If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office under Section 50 of the FOIA. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Internet: [https://www.ico.gov.uk/Global/contact\\_us.aspx](https://www.ico.gov.uk/Global/contact_us.aspx)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Lawson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Rebecca Lawson**

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