

Annex

Request and response

1. Which department or departments are responsible for overseeing legal affairs when your Non-Ministerial Department is a party to a legal hearing e.g. Legal Services, HR? Legal hearings such as High court, criminal proceedings, Public Inquests etc. or internal matters like Employment Tribunals.

The Legal Services Team within the Strategy, Legal, Governance and Communications Directorate of the FSA has oversight of most litigation in respect of which the FSA is a party. Exceptions include personal injury claims made against the FSA, where our Regulatory Compliance, People and Northern Ireland Directorate take the lead; debt recovery matters, where the Finance and Performance Directorate take the lead, and food crime matters (serious offences under general criminal law) where our Operations Directorate takes the lead.

- i. Please can you provide the name and contact details of the people managing and coordinating this department(s)?

The Strategy, Legal, Governance and Communications Directorate is led by Steven Pollock Steven.Pollock@food.gov.uk; the Regulatory Compliance, People and Northern Ireland Directorate is led by Maria Jennings Maria.Jennings@food.gov.uk; the Finance and Performance Directorate is led by Chris Hitchen Chris.Hitchen@food.gov.uk; and the Operations Directorate is led by Colin Sullivan Colin.Sullivan@food.gov.uk.

- ii. Within this department(s), please, can you provide the details of staff who are responsible for day-to-day managing of the following legal areas; Commercial Litigation, Crime, Crime-Fraud, Employment, Intellectual Property, Litigation General.

Commercial Litigation, Christopher McGarvey, Head of Legal Services, Crime, Christopher McGarvey, Head of Legal Services, Crime-Fraud, Darren Davies, Head of the National Food Crime Unit Employment, Jo Bushnell, Head of People and Development Intellectual Property, Christopher McGarvey, Head of Legal Services, Litigation General, Christopher McGarvey, Head of Legal Services.

2. Which department or departments are responsible for managing/supporting staff who are giving evidence at a legal hearing i.e. providing time off to attend court or providing support with training. The Directorates mentioned above will generally be responsible for managing and supporting the staff employed within them who are giving evidence at a legal hearing.

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These details are as set out in the answer to question 1 (i).