



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Sir Thomas Legg
Chair, The ACA Review
Department of Resources
House of Commons
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Dear Sir Thomas

Many thanks for your reply. I am, however, puzzled by it.

I understand that the general issue I raised about your imposition of an arbitrary retrospective limit on certain ACA costs might be an issue you will refer to in your report to the Members Estimate Committee. But if you look again at my letter I did not write to you solely on this point.

In your initial letter you inaccurately stated that £1,800 was paid to me for claims I made when I had been told such claims were ineligible. If you would kindly look again at the file you will see that this is not the case. Not only is that total inaccurate, but all payments were agreed by the Fees Office before I was informed of any change to the rules.

Furthermore the specific "Correspondence from the Fees Office" which you cite, neither relates to the claims you have stated should be repaid, nor were these specific e-mails (concerning these different claims) made available to me until I was asked to check all my claim forms before the House published them.

You also make no mention of the claims which were eligible to be made but should have been filed under a different allowance heading.

I would be grateful if you could deal specifically with these elements of my initial letter.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frank Field', written over the closing text.