

Information Further to Ministerial Answers

Information further to Residential Property Tribunal (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2006, issued by Edwina Hart, the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration, on 20 June 2006

To Mick Bates:

During the Plenary on 20 June 2006 in respect of the residential Property tribunal (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2006 you asked me a number of questions about the fees and I undertook to send you a written reply.

I will deal with the questions in the order they were raised. Where do the fees go? The fees are paid into a dedicated budget line held by the National Assembly for Wales.

What are the fees used for? The fees are used to offset the costs of holding tribunals.

What percentage of the total cost of an appeal do the fees account for? This will vary depending on the number of appeals considered per day and the cost of accommodation, including any special facilities etc. The rate paid to Tribunal Members is a daily rate so the more appeals they consider per day then a greater percentage of costs will be recovered from fees. However, in the worst case scenario, should the Tribunal only hear one appeal a day then we anticipate the fees will account for less than 25% of the total cost of the appeal.