

1. On travel and local bar, many of the issues as to whether a court was treated as having a local bar or not were debated and most resolved. The need for prior authority for travel costs to a number of courts have been resolved, following input from sets of chambers, Circuits and the Bar Council. Practitioners should check the changes for all courts to check where prior authority will be required.
2. Outstanding AGFS claims, the oldest date for general claims processing is down from 9 weeks and a day to 7 weeks and 2 days and the target is to be down to 6 weeks by the end of March.
3. Pre April 2011 claims. The claims notified to the Bar Council in response to the letter to all sets of chambers from Peter Lodder, are to be tackled. Those from January 2011 onwards by the LSC. That will start in February 2012 and will work progressively through the claims. In relation to those cases and claims pre 2011, the Courts Service are looking at 30 examples to determine how they or the LSC will process those.