

## Press Release

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### **Inflation busting increases**

The Civil Court Users Association is disappointed to see an increase in court fees without any form of consultation.

The increases in claim issue fees will not increase for users of the electronic systems but members who issue through their local courts will see considerable increases.

Brian Havercroft, Chairman of the Association commented” We have been advised that consultation did not take place because there is no requirement to do so. This is very disappointing. We are further advised that these fee increases are in line with inflation and are aimed at ensuring the taxpayer does not end up meeting the costs of people who use civil and family courts – usually for private disputes – and can afford to pay”

He went on “the Association is pleased to see that those using the electronic systems will not see an increase in the issue fees. However as to the comment that the increases are in line with inflation this is clearly wrong as the majority of the fees are being increased in excess of 10%. Are the government admitting that inflation is running at that level?

Our members who use the local county courts will feel that they are being treated unfairly bearing in mind the reduction in the number of courts and the lack of service they are now receiving.

The Associations view is that with these increases the volume of claims will further decrease as many claimants now see the service they receive from the courts as extremely poor. Until the government deals with the question of an efficient court service backed up by an effective enforcement system then the decline will continue.”

***Note:** The Civil Court Users Association has been established 22 years and exists to represent the interests of our membership in improving the Court service. The membership comprises companies involved in the creditor sector, including banks, building societies, solicitors firms, debt collection companies, government departments and utilities and we estimate that they are responsible for 85% of all issues through the county courts.*

*The CCUA is a non-profit making organisation and all council officers of the Association are voluntary.*

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