

**SCHEDULE OF COSTS PRECEDENTS
PRECEDENT G: POINTS OF DISPUTE**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

Claim number: 2000 B 9999

OXBRIDGE DISTRICT REGISTRY

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Claimant

- and -

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Defendant

POINTS OF DISPUTE SERVED BY THE DEFENDANT

Point 1 General point	Rates claimed for the assistant solicitor and other fee earners are excessive. Reduce to £158 and £116 respectively plus VAT.
	Receiving Party's Reply:
	Costs Officer's Decision:
Point 2 Point of principle	The claimant was at the time a child/protected person/insolvent and did not have the capacity to authorise the solicitors to bring these proceedings.
	Receiving Party's Reply:
	Costs Officer's Decision:
Point 3 (6), (12), (17), (23), (29), (32)	(i) The number of conferences with counsel is excessive and should be reduced to 3 in total (9 hours). (ii) There is no need for two fee earners to attend each conference. Limit to one assistant solicitor in each case.
	Receiving Party's Reply:
	Costs Officer's Decision:

Point 4 (42)	The claim for timed attendances on claimant (schedule 1) is excessive. Reduce to 4 hours.
	Receiving Party's Reply:
	Costs Officer's Decision:
Point 5 (47)	The total claim for work done on documents by the assistant solicitor is excessive. A reasonable allowance in respect of documents concerning court and counsel is 8 hours, for documents concerning witnesses and the expert witness 6.5 hours, for work done on arithmetic 2.25 hours and for other documents 5.5 hours. Reduce to 22.25 hours.
	Receiving Party's Reply:
	Costs Officer's Decision:
Point 6 (50)	The time claimed for preparing and checking the bill is excessive. Reduce solicitor's time to 0.5 hours and reduce the costs draftsman's time to three hours.
	Receiving Party's Reply:
	Costs Officer's Decision:

Served on [date] by[name] [legal representative of]
the Defendant.