

Court-appointed counsel remuneration rates

We have had an overwhelming response from members expressing their extreme disappointment in the recently announced increase to the remuneration rate for lawyers for children.

We understand and agree with members' views. However, some comments received show that some members have not read our letter of 21 February to the Minister asking for urgent consideration of a rate increase for all court-appointed counsel and confirmation that a regular review of rates will be established. We encourage you to read the letter by clicking [here](#).

The executive has scheduled an urgent meeting on Monday 29 June to discuss what further action the FLS can take in an effort to address the concerns over the rates (including the lack of confirmation of regular reviews and the lack of increase for other court-appointed counsel).

We are happy to receive any suggestions that members have and encourage you to send your feedback to family@lawsociety.org.nz by **midday Monday 29 June**. All feedback received will be considered by the executive at Monday's meeting.

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Chair