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***EKC Group – Tender for Legal Advice and Services***

***Tender Clarifications and Guidance 5***

***12 September 2025***

**ONE**

1. ***Are you anticipating all legal spend to be a retainer? For example, are you expecting dealing with disputes or completing capital projects to be included in the fixed price?***

The retainer is the principal legal spend, as relates to the proposed three-year contract under this tender.

Disputes and larger scale capital project legal support could be outside of the scope of this retainer. In such cases, the Group would likely seek to tender for representation for this separately. The retained legal provider of course would be welcome to bid for that future tender should the need arise.

**TWO**

1. ***Could you confirm your legal spend for the last 3 years and the split between the specified areas?***

Previous retainers represented a general spend covering all priorities areas set out in ITT Section 3, Tender Requirements, paragraph 1 (a) to (i) and as such it is not possible to itemise or separate each element of advice and services individually.

Pricing/Cost is one of the key scoring criteria, and as such it is expected that bidders calculate their own cost of providing this service to meet EKC Group’s requirements and tender evaluation parameters.

Therefore, in the interests of maintaining fairness throughout the tender process, any previous years’ spend in this area has been deemed not relevant to this year’s current tender.

**THREE**

1. ***How will the clarification responses be issued? Via email?***

Responses to questions will be communicated via direct email reply to each enquirer, and will be posted in a Clarifications and Guidance document which will be made available for download in the Documents section of the tender on the Central Digital Platform (Find a tender website).

If you have you set your account to ‘watch’ this tender, you will be automatically notified once the new attachments have been uploaded to the tender.

But do check the Documents section of the tender regularly throughout the tender process to stay up to date.

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