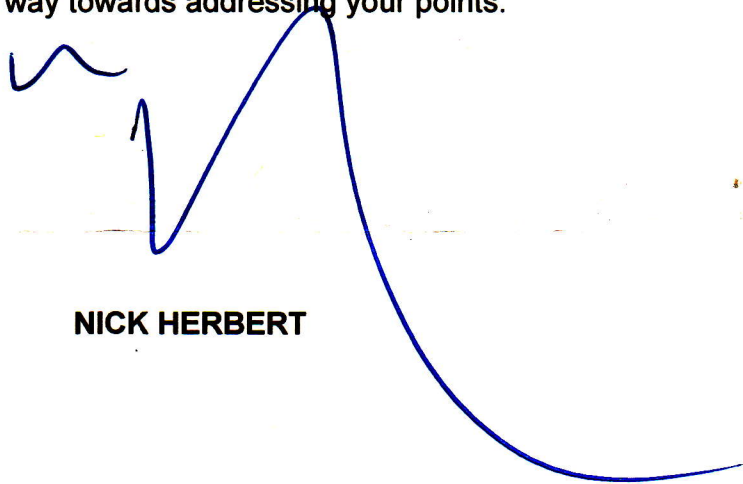


Government has delegated the authority to grant funding in these cases to the Legal Services Commission (LSC).

The LSC also has the discretion to waive financial eligibility limits for representation in these inquests. The LSC can waive the eligibility limits where, in all the circumstances, it would not be reasonable to expect the family to bear the full costs of representation at the inquest. Whether this is reasonable will depend in particular on the history of the case and the nature of the allegations to be raised, the applicant's assessed disposable income and capital, other financial resources of the family, and the estimated costs of providing representation.

I hope that this goes some way towards addressing your points.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and curves, positioned above the printed name.

NICK HERBERT