

LOCAL AUTHORITY SECTION

Please only answer the questions in this section if you represent a Local Authority.

Q17. Would your Local Authority wish to have a legal duty (non-discretionary) to operate a fee for intervention cost recovery scheme? Y/N/ and please explain the reason for your answer.

Response

No – Because taking this approach would be at complete odds with our current approach of helping and supporting businesses to meet their health and safety obligations.

Q18. Assuming your Local Authority is required to implement cost recovery, are the HSE estimates in the impact assessment an accurate representation of what would happen in your Local Authority with reference to:

- a) the proportion of visits that would result in finding a material breach?
- b) the estimated cost recovery rate?
- c) If the estimates are not correct not, what estimates do you feel HSE should use in these areas when estimating LA costs?

Response

- a) A brief analysis of recent inspections has identified that over 90% of inspections identified material breaches.
- b) Discussions with our finance department indicate that a high cost recovery rate would be expected (95+%)
- c)n/a

Q19. What do you expect to be the costs of establishing a cost recovery scheme?

Please give separate estimates for:

- a) training of inspectors,
- b) internal communication efforts,
- c) process and system testing,
- d) changes in computer systems,
- e) setting up an invoicing system etc,
- f) annual running costs for a cost recovery system.

Response (based on the HSE cost of £133 per hour)

- a) £2394.
- b) £655
- c) £655
- d) £266
- e) £266
- f) unsure

Q20. Do you have systems in place that will allow your Local Authority to accurately record the time spent on regulatory interventions to allow invoice generation?

Response

Yes – time recording already in place.