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Ministry of Justice
Fees Policy Team
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Dear Sir/Madam

RESPONSE OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF CREDIT MANAGEMENT (CICM) TO: MINISTRY OF JUSTICE – PROPOSAL FOR REFORM – INCREASING SELECTED COURT FEES

The Chartered Institute of Credit Management (CICM) is the largest recognised professional body in the world for the credit management community. Formed over 80 years ago, the Institute was granted its Royal Charter in 2014. Representing all areas of the credit and collections lifecycle, it is the trusted leader and expert in its field providing its members with support, resources, advice, and career development as well as a networking and interactive community. In addition, it provides a comprehensive suite of qualifications and learning opportunities, events and magazine 'Credit Management'. Independently, and through collaboration with business organisations, it provides vital advice to businesses of all sizes on how best to manage cashflow and credit.

CICM members hold important, credit-related appointments throughout industry and commerce, and we feel it appropriate to comment on this consultation.

We have not answered the specific questions set, as we feel this may be more appropriate for individuals who directly use the court system to address.

Our members have reviewed the proposals more widely however, and commented that from a business to business point of view, the proposals for some of the larger increases could have a less positive impact on SME's, and stop them pursuing debtors in the small claims court for fear of losing more money. Members also commented that back dating the increases on fees to 2016 may be perceived as a little excessive.

If we can help in any further way please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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