**Applicant’s financial resources**

**Once completed, please send this form to** **scifunding@covid19inquiry.scot**

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| **Please complete questions 1 and 2 if you are applying for funding as an individual on your own behalf. If you are applying on behalf of a group of individuals or an organisation, please only complete question 3.** **1. Your financial resources** **a) Are you in receipt of any social security benefit (including tax credit) or retirement pension? (If the answer is ‘Yes’ you need not answer questions (b) and (c))** Yes / No**b) If you are employed or self-employed, do you have a disposable income in excess of £2,500 per month? (“Disposable income” is your after tax take home pay, less the amount you pay in council tax and rent or mortgage payments. So if you take home £3,000 per month, pay rent / mortgage payments of £500 and average council tax of £150, your monthly disposable income is £2,350 (i.e. £3,000 - £500 - £150), so your answer is “No”)** Yes / No**c) Do you have savings / investments in excess of £16,000?** Yes / No**Please be aware that answering “Yes” to questions (b) and (c) does not exclude the possibility of an award of legal expenses. In determining applications for assistance with legal expenses, the Chair is required to consider the financial resources of the applicant. The questions above are designed to gather some basic information to allow the Chair to do so.** **We may have to ask you for more details about the financial resources available to you, but your application will not be rejected on grounds of financial resources without us so doing.** |
| **2. Are there other ways you could get help with funding to pay your lawyer’s fees? Examples include through a Trade Union or by an insurance company. Please provide details.** |
| **To be completed by applicant’s who are applying on** **behalf of a group of individuals or an organisation.****3. Please detail, in no more than 400 words, why the group of individuals or the organisation that you represent require funding for the costs of their legal representation. Please include details of the financial resources available to the organisation or group of individuals.**  |