

What was the cost of the Leeds Castle talks held in September 2004, including the expense of hiring the facility, paying for travel and accommodation for the politicians and other talks participants and providing security for the venue during the negotiations?

We do not hold information relating to the costs for providing security for the venue. You may wish to contact Kent police direct.

The cost of the Leeds Castle talks amounted to £245,086.06. This includes the hire of the facility, travel and accommodation for politicians and other participants, and the costs of providing a media facility for the event.

The Irish Government made a contribution of £115,360.04 towards the event. That amount represents a 50% contribution to the costs of hiring the venue, travel and accommodation for politicians and other participants, and the costs of providing the media facility. The Irish Government will have incurred some costs associated with providing hotel accommodation and travel for their participants which are not included in the above figure. The figure shown above includes hotel and travel costs incurred by the Northern Ireland Office participants, hence the reconciliation between the total amount and the Irish Government contribution.

