



Full-time judges needed to clear tribunal backlog

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Fees spent on part-time judges have leapt to more than £6.6 million to deal with a backlog of employment cases.

The Ministry of Justice said that it spent £6,616,525 on part time employment tribunal judges in 2017-18, up by 71 per cent on the previous year as recruitment of full-time judges has lagged.

There were 1,181 part-time employment tribunal judges on its payroll in 2017-18, but only 80 full-time salaried judges.

The latest data shows that the backlog of outstanding cases at employment tribunals rose by 53 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year to 25,600, up from 16,800 in the same period in 2017.

[Raoul Parkeh](#), a partner at the London office of GQ Littler, the US law firm that obtained the figures through a freedom of information request, said that too few full-time judges had been appointed to cope with the increase in cases after the government was forced to scrap tribunal fees in July 2017.

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