

APPENDIX 2

Schedule of estimated fees for proposed examination methods

	Examination and grant process	IPO or Patent attorney	Provisional examination fee range	Comment
(i)	Registration procedure only		£0 or Nominal Fee only	There is a risk of significant costs being incurred in Court procedures if weak patents were granted. The legal costs to applicants defending an Innovation Patent are unlikely to be below £5,000 and could be much higher.
(ii)	Full Office examination of SNIC	IPO	£1000 - £2,500	Estimated average fee based on cost recovery for the employment of 1 full time equivalent Patent Attorney with specialist consultancy support as needed and an initial estimate of 1 application per month. Fee level will vary with complexity of an individual Innovation Patent.
(iii)	Outsourced examination of SNIC	IPO outsourced to Patent attorneys	£500 – £1,500	Estimated fee based on Patent Attorney charges for examination of Patents. Fee level will vary with complexity of Innovation Patent.
(iv)	Submission of professionally prepared SNIC	Patent attorney	£400 – £800	Estimated fee based on Patent Attorney charges for preparing an Innovation Patent submission. Fee level will vary with complexity of innovation patent.