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Status on payment of Juror fees

The use of a Jury in deciding the outcome of a case is the method used by Jamaica's Court system for the trial of more serious criminal offences. Jury service is therefore fundamental to our justice system, and is to be viewed as a civic duty by citizens who are summoned to serve in this capacity. While jury service is a civic duty, persons who serve as Jurors are to be paid a stipend in respect of each day of the trial, at a rate of JMD\$ 500.00 per day as set by law.

During the period 2012 - 2014 the Court Management Services (CMS) was able to make payments totaling JMD \$13,978,668.00 in Juror claims that had been submitted.

The CMS asks that persons check with the Court where they served Jury duty for payments which may not have been collected. Persons who perform Jury service are urged, to ensure that they provide correct TRNs and information when completing their claim forms. This issue has resulted in many claims not being processed in a timely and efficient manner.

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