

5. Analysis of payments

Appendix notes

1. Unless otherwise stated, the figures for accounts paid include VAT and were prepared on a cash basis.
2. Expenditure and income are not necessarily linked and income can be expected to vary from year to year. Some income, such as that from property recovered and preserved or contributions paid over 20 months (the majority), may be received by SLAB well after the original case has concluded, in some cases years later.
3. Total expenditure excludes miscellaneous payments, PD50, CLAO and Grant funding expenditure, which are shown in table 1.5.
4. The Subject matter of 'Breach proceedings' has been separated out of the Other subject matter. We have restated last year's Other figure to show the effect last year.

5.1 Legal assistance expenditure

Subject matter	Expenditure			Income			2023-2024		2022-2023
	Advice & assistance & ABWOR £000	Legal aid £000	Total gross cost £000	Contributions £000	Expenses from opponents £000	Amounts awarded £000	Total income £000	Total net cost £000	Total net cost £000
Civil legal assistance									
Adults with incapacity	331	5,478	5,809	2	36	0	38	5,771	4,732
Appeals	20	482	502	6	160	21	187	316	362
Breach of contract	9	87	96	5	50	3	58	38	27
Contact/parentage	1,931	11,216	13,147	521	11	23	555	12,591	12,007
Contempt of court	18	-	18	0	0	0	0	18	14
Debt	54	108	162	9	10	4	23	139	129
Discrimination	7	51	58	0	31	0	31	26	35
Divorce/separation	596	2,584	3,180	330	(124)	643	850	2,331	2,115
Family/matrimonial - other	393	3,500	3,893	141	14	83	238	3,655	3,308
Fatal accident inquiries	4	142	146	5	0	0	5	141	92
Housing/recovery of heritable property	270	257	527	9	10	24	43	484	398
Immigration and asylum	11,992	470	12,462	4	428	0	432	12,030	10,479
Judicial review	236	466	702	1	233	0	234	467	308
Medical negligence	462	2,733	3,194	10	2,301	32	2,343	851	266
Mental health	3,775	-	3,775	0	0	0	0	3,775	3,889
Property/monetary	34	644	678	49	43	69	161	517	555
Protective order	142	522	664	50	(0)	5	54	610	707
Reparation	203	1,502	1,705	8	1,665	11	1,684	21	503
Residence	472	6,539	7,011	314	(10)	13	318	6,693	6,231
Other	749	462	1,211	31	(17)	115	129	1,082	1,338
Total civil legal assistance	21,698	37,242	58,940	1,495	4,841	1,046	7,382	51,558	47,497
Criminal legal assistance									
Appeals	23	866	889	0	0	0	0	889	796
Assault	1,526	19,011	20,537	0	0	0	0	20,537	17,313
Bail, including breach of bail	1,920	1,579	3,498	2	0	0	2	3,496	1,824
Breach proceedings	1,871	0	1,871	0	0	0	0	1,871	1,527
Contempt	1	198	199	0	0	0	0	199	169
Court grants for legal aid	-	364	364	0	0	0	0	364	384
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act	1,443	-	1,443	0	0	0	0	1,443	1,253
Drugs	561	5,455	6,016	0	0	0	0	6,016	5,272
Duty	-	378	378	0	0	0	0	378	217
Viper Parades	-	154	154	0	0	0	0	154	169
Embezzlement/fraud	91	1,000	1,092	1	0	0	1	1,091	889
Extradition	0	256	256	0	0	0	0	256	144
Murder/attempted murder/culpable homicide	2	4,397	4,399	0	0	0	0	4,399	4,577
Offensive behaviour	1,865	10,040	11,906	1	0	0	1	11,905	10,496
Road traffic offences	1,102	3,286	4,388	1	0	0	1	4,387	4,185
Robbery	6	1,826	1,831	0	0	0	0	1,831	1,478
Sexual offences	187	14,665	14,852	0	0	0	0	14,852	11,629
Theft/housebreaking	1,642	3,805	5,446	0	0	0	0	5,446	4,935
Other	1,950	4,199	6,150	0	0	0	0	6,149	5,779
Total criminal legal assistance	14,189	71,480	85,669	5	-	-	5	85,664	73,037
Children's legal assistance	2,583	2,661	5,243	3	-	-	3	5,240	4,924
Total legal assistance expenditure 2023-2024	38,469	111,383	149,852	1,504	4,841	1,046	7,391	142,461	-
Total legal assistance expenditure 2022-2023	33,733	99,879	133,612	1,656	5,507	991	8,153	-	125,458