

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, PDSO, CLAO and Grant funding expenditure, which are shown in table 1.6.

5.1 Legal assistance expenditure

Subject matter	Expenditure			2024-2025		2023-2024
	Advice & assistance & ABWOR £000	Legal aid £000	Total gross cost £000	Total income £000	Total net cost £000	Total net cost £000
Civil legal assistance						
Adults with incapacity	315	6,390	6,705	8	6,698	5,771
Appeals	23	465	488	154	334	316
Breach of contract	12	28	39	18	21	38
Contact/parental	1,995	11,406	13,401	668	12,733	12,591
Contempt of court	17	-	17	0	17	18
Debt	56	139	195	54	141	139
Discrimination	6	26	32	46	(14)	26
Divorce/separation	553	2,633	3,186	1,082	2,104	2,331
Family/matrimonial - other	455	3,745	4,200	304	3,896	3,655
Fatal accident inquiries	3	440	443	9	434	141
Housing/recovery of heritable property	372	306	679	89	590	484
Immigration and asylum	14,300	371	14,671	291	14,380	12,030
Judicial review	202	407	609	224	385	467
Medical negligence	564	2,753	3,317	2,550	767	851
Mental health	4,387	-	4,387	0	4,387	3,775
Property/monetary	34	688	722	163	559	517
Protective order	152	532	684	52	632	610
Reparation	136	933	1,069	676	393	21
Residence	556	7,180	7,736	296	7,440	6,693
Other	700	526	1,226	176	1,050	1,082
Total civil legal assistance	24,838	38,969	63,806	6,860	56,947	51,558

Table 5.1 continued overleaf

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	Advice & assistance & ABWOR £000	Legal aid £000	Total gross cost £000	Total income £000	Total net cost £000	Total net cost £000
Criminal legal assistance						
Appeals	25	986	1,011	0	1,011	889
Assault	1,895	20,521	22,416	2	22,414	20,537
Bail, including breach of bail	2,637	2,016	4,653	0	4,653	3,496
Breach proceedings	2,097	0	2,097	(1)	2,099	1,871
Contempt	1	171	172	0	172	199
Court grants for legal aid	-	500	500	0	500	364
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act	1,260	-	1,260	0	1,260	1,443
Drugs	590	6,446	7,036	0	7,036	6,016
Duty	-	415	415	0	415	378
Viper Parades	-	137	137	0	137	154
Embezzlement/fraud	98	1,254	1,351	4	1,347	1,091
Extradition	0	219	219	0	219	256
Murder/attempted murder/culpable homicide	1	6,176	6,177	2	6,175	4,399
Offensive behaviour	2,041	10,561	12,602	1	12,601	11,905
Road traffic offences	1,341	3,750	5,090	2	5,088	4,387
Robbery	14	2,241	2,255	0	2,255	1,831
Sexual offences	210	15,037	15,247	1	15,246	14,852
Theft/housebreaking	2,302	4,639	6,941	0	6,941	5,446
Other	2,105	5,134	7,239	1	7,238	6,149
Total criminal legal assistance	16,616	80,202	96,818	12	96,807	85,664
Children's legal assistance	2,707	2,812	5,518	11	5,508	5,240
Total legal assistance expenditure 2024-2025	44,160	121,982	166,143	6,882	159,261	-
Total legal assistance expenditure 2023-2024	38,469	111,383	149,852	7,391	-	142,461