



6. Contempt of court legal assistance

Appendix notes

1. Figures for grants and refusals of applications do not necessarily equal numbers of applications, since decisions on applications received towards the end of one year may not be reached until the following year.
2. Unless otherwise stated, the figures for accounts paid include VAT and were prepared on a cash basis.
3. In tables showing accounts paid, unless otherwise stated, outlays include all payments other than fees paid to solicitors and advocates - for example, expert witnesses.
4. ABWOR is not available for a contempt of court matter. All solicitor intimations are reported as advice and assistance.

6.1 Intimations of contempt of court advice and assistance

Aid type	2014-2015	2013-2014
Advice and assistance		
Civil	55	80
Criminal	59	70
Children's	9	3
Total	123	153

6.2 Increases in limit of authorised expenditure of advice and assistance for contempt of court

Type	Applications for increase		Increases granted		Increases refused	
	2014-2015	2013-2014	2014-2015	2013-2014	2014-2015	2013-2014
Templated advice and assistance	51	64	51	63	0	1
Non-templated advice and assistance	19	19	13	11	6	8
Total	70	83	64	74	6	9

Note

1. These figures include decisions at first instance and decisions after reconsideration.

6.3 Grants of legal aid by the courts for contempt of court proceedings including witness warrants.

	JP court	Stipendiary court	Sheriff court	High Court	Total
Total 2014-2015	36	0	1,245	19	1,300
Total 2013-2014	23	0	1,050	9	1,082



6.4 Analysis of accounts paid and average case costs - contempt of court advice and assistance

Aid type	Number of cases	Solicitor £000	Solicitor outlays £000	Counsel outlays £000	Total outlays £000	Total paid 2014-2015 £000	Total paid 2013-2014 £000	Average case cost 2014-2015 £	Average case cost 2013-2014 £
Advice and assistance									
Civil	48	13	0	0	1	14	13	283	237
Criminal	31	1	0	0	0	2	3	57	55
Children's	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	31
Total 2014-2015	84	15	1	1	1	16	-	189	-
Total 2013-2014	105	15	0	0	0	-	16	-	152

Note

1. In this table, payments to advocates and solicitor advocates are included under counsel outlays, as regulation 17(1) of the Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 1996 only provides for payments of fees and outlays to the solicitor.

6.5 Analysis of accounts paid and average case costs - contempt of court legal aid

	Number of cases	Solicitor £000	Advocate £000	Solicitor advocate £000	Total outlays £000	Total paid 2014-2015 £000	Total paid 2013-2014 £000	Average case cost 2014-2015 £	Average case cost 2013-2014 £
Total 2014-2015	941	200	5	4	3	212	-	225	-
Total 2013-2014	1,007	256	4	5	7	-	272	-	270