



1. Key statistics 2011 - 2016

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, figures for accounts paid include VAT and are 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. A zero 0 indicates that no values were recorded. A dash "-" indicates that no value is applicable.
5. Children's ABWOR was not available prior to 24th June 2013.

1.1 Initial applications for legal assistance	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance	80,621	80,473	72,343	63,880	62,584	-2.0%	-22.4%
Civil ABWOR	4,795	4,721	5,101	5,405	5,562	2.9%	16.0%
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	85,416	85,194	77,444	69,285	68,146	-1.6%	-20.2%
Civil legal aid	20,015	20,720	20,170	18,853	18,827	-0.1%	-5.9%
Total civil legal assistance	105,431	105,914	97,614	88,138	86,973	-1.3%	-17.5%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	31,590	29,906	29,051	26,737	24,435	-8.6%	-22.6%
Criminal ABWOR	37,450	33,598	33,787	30,439	28,266	-7.1%	-24.5%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB granted)	58,324	52,637	58,685	57,797	57,339	-0.8%	-1.7%
Summary and ABWOR	95,774	86,235	92,472	88,236	85,605	-3.0%	-10.6%
Solemn	13,046	11,901	12,853	13,333	12,412	-6.9%	-4.9%
Appeals	1,784	1,603	1,476	1,365	638	-53.3%	-64.2%
Total criminal legal assistance	142,194	129,645	135,852	129,671	123,090	-5.1%	-13.4%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	4,548	4,782	4,911	5,207	4,948	-5.0%	8.8%
Children's ABWOR	-	-	1,662	3,546	4,127	16.4%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	4,548	4,782	6,573	8,753	9,075	3.7%	99.5%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	4,960	5,043	4,015	3,564	3,526	-1.1%	-28.9%
Total children's legal assistance	9,508	9,825	10,588	12,317	12,601	2.3%	32.5%
Contempt of court							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	141	151	153	123	143	16.3%	1.4%
Contempt of court legal aid	933	1,193	1,082	1,300	1,636	25.8%	75.3%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	1,074	1,344	1,235	1,423	1,779	25.0%	65.6%
Total initial applications for legal assistance	258,207	246,728	245,289	231,549	224,443	-3.1%	-13.1%

1.2 Grants of legal assistance	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance	80,621	80,473	72,343	63,880	62,584	-2.0%	-22.4%
Civil ABWOR	4,795	4,721	5,101	5,405	5,562	2.9%	16.0%
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	85,416	85,194	77,444	69,285	68,146	-1.6%	-20.2%
Civil legal aid	12,794	13,427	13,409	12,977	12,817	-1.2%	0.2%
Total civil legal assistance	98,210	98,621	90,853	82,262	80,963	-1.6%	-17.6%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	31,590	29,906	29,051	26,737	24,435	-8.6%	-22.6%
Criminal ABWOR	37,450	33,598	33,787	30,439	28,266	-7.1%	-24.5%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB granted)	54,182	46,417	52,389	49,092	47,908	-2.4%	-11.6%
Summary criminal legal aid (court granted)	22	13	15	9	17	88.9%	-22.7%
Total summary criminal and ABWOR	91,654	80,028	86,191	79,540	76,191	-4.2%	-16.9%
Solemn criminal legal aid	12,347	11,229	12,013	12,159	11,116	-8.6%	-10.0%
Automatic legal aid	1,400	1,506	1,638	1,590	1,451	-8.7%	3.6%
Appeals	1,689	1,483	1,365	1,275	402	-68.5%	-76.2%
Duty solicitor appearances (including PDSO)	15,298	12,257	13,784	13,664	13,423	-1.8%	-12.3%
Total criminal legal assistance	153,978	136,409	144,042	134,965	127,018	-5.9%	-17.5%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	4,548	4,782	4,911	5,207	4,948	-5.0%	8.8%
Children's ABWOR	-	-	1,662	3,546	4,127	16.4%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	4,548	4,782	6,573	8,753	9,075	3.7%	99.5%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	4,934	5,006	3,581	2,956	2,910	-1.6%	-41.0%
Total children's legal assistance	9,482	9,788	10,154	11,709	11,985	2.4%	26.4%
Contempt of court							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	141	151	153	123	143	16.3%	1.4%
Contempt of court legal aid	933	1,193	1,082	1,300	1,636	25.8%	75.3%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	1,074	1,344	1,235	1,423	1,779	25.0%	65.6%
Total grants of legal assistance	262,744	246,162	246,284	230,359	221,745	-3.7%	-15.6%



1.3 Total payments for administration (£000)	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Administration spend							
Staff costs	9,540	9,434	9,712	9,202	9,777	6.2%	2.5%
Running costs	2,702	2,469	2,458	2,630	1,967	-25.2%	-27.2%
Capital	219	116	143	593	513	-13.5%	134.2%
Total administration spend	12,461	12,019	12,313	12,425	12,257	-1.4%	-1.6%

1.4 Number of cases paid to solicitors	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Civil legal assistance							
Civil advice and assistance	70,614	64,910	64,464	54,681	51,811	-5.2%	-26.6%
Civil ABWOR	3,413	4,824	5,326	5,188	5,112	-1.5%	49.8%
Civil legal aid	14,866	13,820	14,174	13,981	13,695	-2.0%	-7.9%
Total civil legal assistance	88,893	83,554	83,964	73,850	70,618	-4.4%	-20.6%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	17,188	16,495	16,330	13,667	11,764	-13.9%	-31.6%
Criminal ABWOR	34,854	33,176	33,037	28,900	26,949	-6.8%	-22.7%
Summary criminal legal aid	52,480	48,355	47,850	48,903	51,072	4.4%	-2.7%
Solemn criminal legal aid	11,338	11,109	11,210	10,607	11,572	9.1%	2.1%
Court grants	593	1,038	1,202	1,236	1,126	-8.9%	89.9%
Appeals	1,817	1,571	1,648	1,401	1,088	-22.3%	-40.1%
Duty (non-PDSO appearances)	12,546	9,833	11,251	11,061	10,876	-1.7%	-13.3%
Total criminal legal assistance	130,816	121,577	122,528	115,775	114,447	-1.1%	-12.5%
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	3,658	3,837	4,128	4,283	3,566	-16.7%	-2.5%
Children's ABWOR	-	-	398	2,381	3,754	57.7%	-
Children's legal aid	4,184	4,419	4,058	3,003	2,810	-6.4%	-32.8%
Total children's legal assistance	7,842	8,256	8,584	9,667	10,130	4.8%	29.2%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	92	105	105	84	95	13.1%	3.3%
Contempt of court legal aid	813	913	1,007	941	1,314	39.6%	61.6%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	905	1,018	1,112	1,025	1,409	37.5%	55.7%
Total legal assistance	228,456	214,405	216,188	200,317	196,604	-1.9%	-13.9%

Notes

1. Duty solicitors' number of appearances on behalf of accused persons.

1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000)

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Civil legal assistance							
Civil advice and assistance	17,052	16,022	15,936	13,570	13,487	-0.6%	-20.9%
Civil ABWOR	3,831	4,877	5,069	4,812	5,092	5.8%	32.9%
Total civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	20,883	20,899	21,005	18,382	18,580	1.1%	-11.0%
Civil legal aid gross expenditure	45,589	38,882	37,514	34,156	34,142	0.0%	-25.1%
Civil legal aid income received	(15,231)	(11,980)	(11,941)	(10,020)	(11,740)	17.2%	-22.9%
Civil legal aid (net cost)	30,358	26,902	25,573	24,136	22,402	-7.2%	-26.2%
CLAO gross expenditure	1,060	1,214	1,193	1,348	1,400	3.9%	32.1%
CLAO income received	(6)	(7)	(1)	(11)	(13)	17.9%	111.0%
CLAO (net cost)	1,054	1,207	1,192	1,337	1,387	3.7%	31.6%
Total civil assistance gross expenditure	67,531	60,995	59,712	53,886	54,121	0.4%	-19.9%
Civil audit restitution	(68)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	-	-100.0%
Total net civil legal assistance	52,227	49,007	47,770	43,855	42,368	-3.4%	-18.9%
Grant funding							
Grant funded expenditure	1,702	2,197	5,494	6,329	7,780	22.9%	357.1%
Money Advice Service funding received	(0)	(2,197)	(2,350)	(2,350)	(2,350)	0.0%	-
Total net grant funded expenditure	1,702	0	3,144	3,979	5,430	-	219.0%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	1,034	1,111	1,256	1,037	890	-14.2%	-14.0%
Criminal ABWOR	17,621	15,827	15,721	13,542	12,271	-9.4%	-30.4%
Total criminal advice and assistance and ABWOR	18,655	16,937	16,977	14,579	13,161	-9.7%	-29.5%
Summary criminal legal aid	33,179	29,543	29,001	29,156	29,735	2.0%	-10.4%
Solemn criminal legal aid	39,164	41,672	41,686	35,423	36,337	2.6%	-7.2%
Total court grants	116	220	254	243	221	-8.9%	91.3%
Total appeals	4,161	3,167	2,700	2,235	1,348	-39.7%	-67.6%
Criminal legal assistance income received	(7)	(3)	(13)	(6)	(9)	37.3%	34.7%
Criminal legal aid (net cost)	76,613	74,600	73,628	67,051	67,633	0.9%	-11.7%
Duty	1,120	897	987	970	938	-3.3%	-16.2%
Public Defence Solicitors' Office (PDSO)	1,846	1,941	1,985	2,025	2,126	5.0%	15.2%
Police Station Duty Scheme Contact Line	494	607	683	578	640	10.7%	29.6%
Glasgow Court Advisers	-	-	-	53	46	-13.2%	-
Criminal audit restitution	(226)	(133)	(211)	(208)	(213)	2.4%	-5.8%
Total net criminal legal assistance	98,502	94,849	94,048	85,048	84,330	-0.8%	-14.4%

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1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000) (continued)

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	413	503	606	603	457	-24.3%	10.6%
Children's ABWOR	-	-	114	947	1,526	61.3%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	413	503	719	1,550	1,983	28.0%	380.1%
Children's legal aid	4,497	4,913	4,168	3,684	3,123	-15.2%	-30.6%
Children's legal aid income received	-	-	(2)	(10)	(13)	33.3%	-
Children's legal aid (net cost)	4,497	4,913	4,166	3,674	3,109	-15.4%	-30.9%
Total net children's legal assistance	4,910	5,417	4,886	5,224	5,092	-2.5%	3.7%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	13	13	16	16	13	-20.7%	-3.7%
Contempt of court legal aid	234	246	272	212	296	39.9%	26.8%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	247	260	288	227	309	35.7%	25.1%
Extraordinary interest payment to Advocates	0	519	104	(48)	0	-100.0%	-
Miscellaneous payments	64	192	248	316	282	-10.8%	340.6%
Legal Aid Fund (gross expenditure)	173,189	164,565	165,006	151,206	152,150	0.6%	-12.1%
Total cost of legal assistance to the taxpayer	157,651	150,244	150,488	138,601	137,812	-0.6%	-12.6%

Notes

1. The recovery of incorrectly claimed monies is shown in the audit restitution lines.
2. Income received from the Money Advice Service is their contribution to the Making Advice Work Programme.
3. Income from criminal legal assistance relates to A&A contributions and money repaid by solicitors and assisted persons.
4. Prior to 2014-15 Glasgow Court Advisers were funded by Grant-in-Aid.

1.6 Average case cost (£)	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Civil legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	241	247	247	248	260	4.9%	7.8%
ABWOR	1,123	1,011	952	927	996	7.4%	-11.3%
Civil legal aid	3,067	2,813	2,647	2,443	2,493	2.0%	-18.7%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	60	67	77	76	76	-0.3%	25.7%
ABWOR	506	477	476	469	455	-2.8%	-9.9%
Summary criminal legal aid	632	611	606	596	582	-2.3%	-7.9%
Solemn criminal legal aid (excluding appeals)	3,454	3,751	3,719	3,340	3,140	-6.0%	-9.1%
Court grants	195	212	212	197	197	0.0%	0.7%
Appeals	2,290	2,016	1,638	1,596	1,239	-22.4%	-45.9%
Children's legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	113	131	147	141	128	-9.0%	13.4%
ABWOR	-	-	286	398	407	2.3%	-
Children's legal aid	1,075	1,112	1,027	1,227	1,111	-9.4%	3.4%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	142	126	152	189	132	-29.9%	-6.8%
Contempt of court legal aid	287	270	270	225	225	0.2%	-21.6%

1.7 Payments made (£000)	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Civil legal assistance							
Advocates	10,166	6,229	5,099	3,928	5,101	29.9%	-49.8%
Solicitor advocates	39	7	1	24	1	-96.9%	-98.0%
Solicitors	42,510	39,831	40,016	36,335	34,768	-4.3%	-18.2%
Outlays	13,755	13,713	13,403	12,251	12,851	4.9%	-6.6%
Total	66,470	59,781	58,519	52,538	52,721	0.3%	-20.7%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advocates	10,854	11,410	9,030	7,689	9,060	17.8%	-16.5%
Solicitor advocates	3,854	4,477	4,298	3,015	2,748	-8.9%	-28.7%
Solicitors	75,167	69,866	71,662	65,710	64,448	-1.9%	-14.3%
Outlays	5,400	5,788	5,628	5,223	4,546	-12.9%	-15.8%
Total	95,275	91,541	90,618	81,636	80,802	-1.0%	-15.2%
Children's legal assistance							
Advocates	576	676	324	277	297	7.1%	-48.5%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	3,928	4,342	4,149	4,527	4,403	-2.7%	12.1%
Outlays	405	399	414	430	406	-5.5%	0.1%
Total	4,910	5,417	4,887	5,234	5,106	-2.4%	4.0%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Advocates	6	15	4	5	11	135.1%	75.6%
Solicitor advocates	9	7	5	4	5	26.0%	-42.1%
Solicitors	227	232	272	214	284	32.4%	24.9%
Outlays	7	6	7	5	9	97.6%	39.1%
Total	248	260	288	227	309	35.7%	24.2%

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1.7 Payments made (£000) (continued)

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Percent change on	
						2014-2015	2011-2012
Duty solicitor appearances							
Advocates	0	1	1	1	0	-82.4%	-24.8%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	1,095	875	963	945	918	-2.8%	-16.2%
Outlays	24	21	23	24	20	-15.9%	-18.7%
Total	1,120	897	987	970	938	-3.3%	-16.2%
Total legal assistance							
Advocates	21,603	18,330	14,458	11,900	14,469	21.6%	-33.0%
Solicitor advocates	3,901	4,491	4,305	3,043	2,754	-9.5%	-29.4%
Solicitors	122,924	115,146	117,062	107,731	104,821	-2.7%	-14.7%
Outlays	19,594	19,927	19,475	17,931	17,832	-0.6%	-9.0%
Total	168,024	157,895	155,299	140,605	139,876	-0.5%	-16.8%

Notes

1. Fees paid to solicitors, advocates and solicitor advocates include VAT.