

6. Contempt of court legal assistance

Section 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 2010-2011 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.

6.1 Intimations of contempt of court advice and assistance and ABWOR

Aid type	2010-2011	2009-2010
Advice and assistance		
Civil	114	118
Criminal	76	62
Children's	1	3
Total	191	183
ABWOR		
Civil	0	0
Criminal	5	4
Children's	0	0
Total	5	4
Total contempt of court advice and assistance and ABWOR	196	187

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

	Applications for increase		Increases granted		Increases refused	
	2010-2011	2009-2010	2010-2011	2009-2010	2010-2011	2009-2010
Templated advice and assistance	93	81	91	80	3	0
Non-templated advice and assistance	14	18	9	17	4	2
Templated ABWOR	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-templated ABWOR	2	2	2	2	0	0
Total advice and assistance and ABWOR	109	101	102	99	7	2

Notes

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	Sheriff court	High Court	Total
Total 2010-2011	7	980	21	1,008
Total 2009-2010	2	762	30	794

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

Aid type	Number of cases	Solicitor £000	Solicitor outlays £000	Counsel outlays £000	Total outlays £000	Total paid 2010-2011 £000	Total paid 2009-2010 £000	Average case cost 2010-2011 £	Average case cost 2009-2010 £
Advice and assistance									
Civil	93	21	0	0	0	21	16	223	185
Criminal	54	2	0	0	0	2	3	41	45
Children's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	59
Total	147	23	0	0	0	23	20	157	117
ABWOR									
Civil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Criminal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	-
Children's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Total	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	-
Total 2010-2011	148	23	0	0	0	23	-	156	-
Total 2009-2010	168	20	0	0	1	-	20	-	119

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 2010-2011 £000	Total paid 2009-2010 £000	Average case cost 2010-2011 £	Average case cost 2009-2010 £
Total 2010-2011	760	173	10	10	4	197	-	259	-
Total 2009-2010	595	134	10	16	5	-	166	-	278