



STATISTICS

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

APPENDIX 1

1(i) INTIMATIONS		
SUBJECT MATTER	1999/2000	1998/1999
Family/matrimonial	48,921	49,559
Hire purchase/debt	14,154	13,992
Housing	12,895	11,596
Reparation	16,767	16,654
Employment	4,583	4,226
State benefit	11,251	10,686
Mental health	1,160	1,107
Other	55,836	56,579
TOTAL CIVIL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE	165,567	164,399
TOTAL CRIMINAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE	127,569	123,829
TOTAL ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF REPRESENTATION (ABWOR)	23,686	22,959
TOTAL	316,822	311,187

1(ii) INTIMATIONS BY GENDER					
	MALE APPLICANT		FEMALE APPLICANT		TOTAL
Number of intimations	198,049	(62.5%)	118,773	(37.5%)	316,822

1(iii) INCREASES IN LIMIT OF AUTHORISED EXPENDITURE						
TYPE	APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASE		INCREASES GRANTED		INCREASES REFUSED	
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999
Civil	92,878	89,149	82,971	77,295	7,627	8,549
Criminal	14,108	11,056	12,467	9,456	1,106	1,233
ABWOR	12,547	10,406	11,676	9,597	395	549
TOTAL	119,533	110,611	107,114	96,348	9,128	10,331

NOTE: Numbers of grants and refusals do not equal numbers of applications, since decisions on applications received towards the end of one year may not be reached until the following year.

1(iv) DISPOSAL OF APPLICATIONS UNDER REGULATION 16(3) (HARDSHIP PROVISIONS) OF THE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1996		
	APPLICATIONS	GRANTED
1999/2000	2,162	1,735
1998/1999	2,213	1,803

1(v) ACCOUNTS PAID AND AVERAGE COSTS						
SUBJECT MATTER	TOTAL PAID	%	NO. OF CASES	%	AVERAGE COST PER CASE	AVERAGE COST PER CASE
	£ '000				1999/2000	1998/1999
					£	£
Family/matrimonial	7,932	28	44,260	16	179	168
Hire purchase/debt	909	3	11,671	4	78	78
Housing	815	3	10,334	4	79	82
Reparation	2,606	9	13,507	5	193	197
Employment	345	1	2,913	1	118	115
State benefit	753	3	9,515	3	79	74
Mental health	189	1	665	0	284	256
Other	4,584	16	47,477	18	97	93
TOTAL CIVIL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE	18,133	64	140,342	51	129	130
TOTAL CRIMINAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE	7,512	27	121,818	44	62	63
TOTAL ABWOR	2,642	9	15,180	5	174	168
TOTAL 1999/2000	28,287	100	277,340	100	102	
TOTAL 1998/1999	28,460	100	276,165	100		103

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CIVIL LEGAL AID

APPENDIX 2

2(i) APPLICATIONS								
PROCEEDINGS	SHERIFF COURT		COURT OF SESSION		OTHER COURTS		TOTALS	
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999
Family/matrimonial	16,282	17,240	181	162	0	0	16,463	17,402
Debt	778	970	23	40	1	0	802	1,010
Reparation	2,623	2,651	804	521	1	0	3,428	3,172
Judicial review	N/A	N/A	222	206	1	0	223	206
Other	1,859	1,762	290	312	41	26	2,190	2,100
TOTAL	21,542	22,623	1,520	1,241	44	26	23,106	23,890

2(ii) GRANTS (INCLUDING GRANTS ON REVIEW)								
PROCEEDINGS	SHERIFF COURT		COURT OF SESSION		OTHER COURTS		TOTALS	
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999
Family/matrimonial	11,352	12,629	99	91	1	0	11,452	12,720
Debt	284	324	14	20	0	0	298	344
Reparation	1,105	1,054	332	321	1	0	1,438	1,375
Judicial review	N/A	N/A	77	82	0	0	77	82
Other	1,072	959	197	171	17	10	1,286	1,140
TOTAL	13,813	14,966	719	685	19	10	14,551	15,661
Grants with contribution							2,909	3,080
Grants with no contribution							11,642	12,581
TOTAL							14,551	15,661
Average value of contribution, where payable							£712	£694

NOTE: Numbers of grants and refusals do not equal numbers of applications, since decisions on applications received towards the end of one year may not be reached until the following year. The method used to calculate the average value of contribution in last year's report has been changed, and the figure amended in this year's report to reflect this.

2(iii) INTIMATIONS OF STEPS TAKEN UNDER REGULATION 18(1)(A) AND CERTIFICATES GRANTED UNDER REGULATION 18(1)(B) OF THE CIVIL LEGAL AID (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1996 (LEGAL AID IN MATTERS OF SPECIAL URGENCY)		
	1999/2000	1998/1999
Intimations under regulation 18(1)(a)	13,620	13,652
Certifications under regulation 18(1)(b)	2,020	2,057
TOTAL	15,640	15,709

2(iv) ANALYSIS OF FULL APPLICATIONS WHERE NO LEGAL AID WAS GRANTED AT FIRST INSTANCE								
COURT	REFUSED NO PROBABLE CAUSE/ UNREASONABLE		REFUSED MEANS		ABANDONED BEFORE OFFER OF LEGAL AID		REFUSED AFTER OFFER OF LEGAL AID	
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999
Court of Session	532	552	64	59	138	137	40	40
Sheriff court	4,923	5,594	746	657	1,658	1,899	1,661	1,662
Other	8	5	4	2	11	5	4	2
TOTAL	5,463	6,151	814	718	1,807	2,041	1,705	1,704

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CIVIL LEGAL AID

APPENDIX 2 CONT'D

2(v) DISPOSAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW OF DECISION TO REFUSE CIVIL LEGAL AID		
APPLICATIONS	1999/2000	1998/1999
Allowed	1,552	1,476
Refused	2,158	2,256
TOTAL	3,710	3,732

2(vi) APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS BY GENDER									
	MALE APPLICANT			FEMALE APPLICANT			TOTAL MALE		TOTAL FEMALE
	PURSUER	DEFENDER	OTHER	PURSUER	DEFENDER	OTHER			
Applications	5,821	2,594	715	10,589	2,731	656	9,130 (39.5%)	13,976	(60.5%)
Grants	3,487	1,427	414	6,881	1,926	416	5,328 (36.6%)	9,223	(63.4%)
Applications abandoned before offer of legal aid	482	281	76	693	226	49	839 (46.4%)	968	(53.6%)
Refused by applicant after offer of legal aid	384	172	35	941	145	28	591 (34.7%)	1,114	(65.3%)
Other refusals	1,741	857	254	2,662	558	205	2,852 (45.4%)	3,425	(54.6%)

2(vii) ACCOUNTS								
	TOTAL PAID	SOLICITOR	COUNSEL	SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	OUTLAYS	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE 1999/2000	AVERAGE COST PER CASE 1998/1999
PROCEEDINGS	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000		£	£
SHERIFF COURT								
Family/matrimonial	13,527	9,880	258	0	3,389	8,164	1,657	1,562
Debt	334	241	36	0	57	168	1,988	1,339
Reparation	3,834	2,368	431	0	1,035	999	3,838	2,957
Other	7,156	4,826	361	0	1,969	5,698	1,256	1,147
TOTAL SHERIFF COURT	24,851	17,315	1,086	0	6,450	15,029	1,654	1,501
COURT OF SESSION								
Family/matrimonial	631	359	160	0	112	74	8,527	8,630
Debt	77	40	26	0	11	9	8,556	8,737
Reparation	3,364	1,642	901	0	821	334	10,072	10,672
Judicial review	8	4	3	0	1	2	4,000	4,500
Other	1,257	595	425	0	237	321	3,916	3,431
TOTAL COURT OF SESSION	5,337	2,640	1,515	0	1,182	740	7,212	6,930
TOTAL OTHER COURTS	58	11	38	0	9	3	19,490	11,364
ALL COURTS								
Family/matrimonial	14,158	10,239	418	0	3,501	8,238	1,719	1,635
Debt	411	281	62	0	68	177	2,322	2,067
Reparation	7,198	4,010	1,332	0	1,856	1,333	5,400	4,644
Judicial review	8	4	3	0	1	2	4,000	4,500
Other	8,471	5,432	824	0	2,215	6,022	1,407	1,300
TOTAL ALL COURTS 1999/2000	30,246	19,966	2,639	0	7,641	15,772	1,918	
TOTAL ALL COURTS 1998/1999	32,093	21,542	2,941	0	7,610	18,194		1,764

NOTE: These figures include payments under the ex-gratia arrangements agreed with the Scottish Executive.

2(viii) ACCOUNTS PAID UNDER DETERMINATIONS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE (WHEREBY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY, WHERE LEGAL AID IS NOT SUBSEQUENTLY GRANTED, IS PAID FOR OUT OF THE FUND)							
	TOTAL PAID	SOLICITOR	COUNSEL	SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	OUTLAYS	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE
	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000		£
TOTAL 1999/2000	356	227	17	0	112	1,080	330
TOTAL 1998/1999	454	293	20	0	141	1,374	330

NOTE: The amounts shown in this table are also included in the figures in table (vii).

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CRIMINAL LEGAL AID

APPENDIX 3

3(i) APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMARY CRIMINAL LEGAL AID						
OFFENCE	DISTRICT COURT		SHERIFF COURT		TOTAL	
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999
Assault	3,066	3,459	9,984	10,149	13,050	13,608
Theft/housebreaking/robbery	4,432	4,163	10,318	10,332	14,750	14,495
Road traffic offences	1,036	977	8,685	7,670	9,721	8,647
Offensive weapons/vandalism/breach of the peace	5,902	6,475	8,832	8,105	14,734	14,580
Drugs	638	537	3,957	4,493	4,595	5,030
Embezzlement/fraud	188	209	1,212	1,197	1,400	1,406
Sexual offences	11	11	206	250	217	261
Other	1,858	2,087	4,493	4,042	6,351	6,129
TOTAL	17,131	17,918	47,687	46,238	64,818	64,156

3(ii) GRANTS OF SUMMARY CRIMINAL LEGAL AID										
OFFENCE	GRANTED AT FIRST INSTANCE				GRANTED AFTER REVIEW				TOTAL	
	DISTRICT COURT		SHERIFF COURT		DISTRICT COURT		SHERIFF COURT		1999/2000	1998/1999
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999
Assault	2,922	3,268	9,505	9,777	82	108	229	195	12,738	13,348
Theft/housebreaking/robbery	3,680	3,313	9,779	9,741	318	349	288	293	14,065	13,696
Road traffic offences	376	298	6,599	5,688	70	45	666	555	7,711	6,586
Offensive weapons/vandalism/ breach of the peace	4,661	5,111	8,288	7,593	570	553	288	254	13,807	13,511
Drugs	587	491	3,813	4,288	34	24	82	98	4,516	4,901
Embezzlement/fraud	135	142	1,111	1,121	11	10	40	39	1,297	1,312
Sexual offences	7	8	193	246	1	2	5	3	206	259
Other	1,033	1,174	3,353	3,316	191	204	271	227	4,848	4,921
TOTAL	13,401	13,805	42,641	41,770	1,277	1,295	1,869	1,664	59,188	58,534

NOTE: Numbers of grants and refusals do not equal numbers of applications, since decisions on applications received towards the end of one year may not be reached until the following year.

3(iii) REFUSALS OF SUMMARY CRIMINAL LEGAL AID AT FIRST INSTANCE						
REASON	DISTRICT COURT		SHERIFF COURT		TOTAL	
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999
Not in the interests of justice	3,041	3,239	2,834	2,573	5,875	5,812
Means	60	55	203	221	263	276
Other rights & facilities	1	1	3	4	4	5
Non-timeous	183	419	162	380	345	799
Abandoned	15	44	50	112	65	156
Lack of information	401	385	1,490	1,152	1,891	1,537
TOTAL	3,701	4,143	4,742	4,442	8,443	8,585

3(iv) DISPOSAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW OF DECISION TO REFUSE SUMMARY CRIMINAL LEGAL AID		
	1999/2000	1998/1999
Granted	3,146	2,956
Refused	2,363	3,078
TOTAL	5,509	6,034

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CRIMINAL LEGAL AID

APPENDIX 3 CONT'D

3(v) GRANTS OF LEGAL AID BY THE COURTS IN SOLEMN PROCEEDINGS AND IN SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS UNDER LEGAL AID (SCOTLAND) ACT 1986 SECTION 23(1)(b)								
OFFENCE	DISTRICT COURT		SHERIFF COURT		HIGH COURT		TOTAL	
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999	1999/2000	1998/1999
Murder/attempted murder/ culpable homicide	0	0	682	654	18	29	700	683
Assault	3	7	2,890	2,847	9	8	2,902	2,862
Theft/housebreaking/robbery	52	69	2,525	2,859	9	9	2,586	2,937
Road traffic offences	0	3	776	1,310	0	1	776	1,314
Offensive weapons/vandalism/ breach of the peace	12	32	514	971	4	1	530	1,004
Drugs	1	1	1,516	1,942	17	12	1,534	1,955
Embezzlement/fraud	0	4	291	431	0	1	291	436
Sexual offences	0	1	463	537	15	15	478	553
Other	5	25	894	813	9	6	908	844
TOTAL	73	142	10,551	12,364	81	82	10,705	12,588
Solemn							9,233	9,431
23(1)(b)							1,472	3,157
TOTAL							10,705	12,588

3(vi) APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS BY GENDER					
	MALE APPLICANT		FEMALE APPLICANT		TOTAL
Number of applications (summary)	55,849	(86.2%)	8,969	(13.8%)	64,818
Number of grants (summary)	51,046	(86.2%)	8,142	(13.8%)	59,188
Number of refusals (summary)	7,228	(85.6%)	1,215	(14.4%)	8,443
Number of grants by the courts	9,519	(88.9%)	1,186	(11.1%)	10,705

3(vii) CRIMINAL APPEALS – APPLICATIONS			
	NO. OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPLICATIONS GRANTED	APPLICATIONS REFUSED
Leave to appeal			
– against conviction	343	311	12
– against conviction and sentence	365	321	15
– against sentence only	2,580	2,485	27
Total leave to appeal	3,288	3,117	54
Petition to Nobile Officium etc.	78	50	13
Crown appeals	23	20	0
Appeal against other disposal	78	39	16
Reference by the Secretary of State to the High Court	3	2	0
TOTAL 1999/2000	3,470	3,228	83
TOTAL 1998/1999	2,962	2,788	40

NOTE: This table does not include applications or grants made under regulation 15 of the Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (matters of special urgency) since special urgency grants do not in all cases lead to a full certificate being granted.

3(viii) DUTY SOLICITOR – ACCOUNTS			
COURT	TOTAL PAID £ '000	NO. OF ACCUSED PERSONS	COST PER ACCUSED PERSON £
Sheriff court	711	19,200	37
District court	159	5,904	27
TOTAL 1999/2000	870	25,104	35
TOTAL 1998/1999	943	27,397	34

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CRIMINAL LEGAL AID

APPENDIX 3 CONT'D

3(ix) ACCOUNTS PAID BY PROCEEDINGS (EXCLUDING APPEALS)							
PROCEEDINGS	TOTAL PAID £ '000	SOLICITOR £ '000	COUNSEL £ '000	SOLICITOR ADVOCATE £ '000	OUTLAYS £ '000	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE £
District court (fixed payments)							
– with trial	413	396	0	0	17	899	459
– without trial	2,708	2,679	1	0	28	6,635	408
District court (detailed charges)							
– with trial	375	354	0	0	21	388	966
– without trial	3,736	3,521	3	0	212	5,065	738
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT	7,232	6,950	4	0	278	12,987	557
Sheriff court – summary (fixed payments)							
– with trial	2,220	2,107	3	1	109	2,856	777
– without trial	13,662	13,455	16	5	186	21,337	640
Sheriff court – summary (detailed charges)							
– with trial	2,424	2,195	31	3	195	1,591	1,524
– without trial	19,389	17,509	206	28	1,646	19,659	986
Total sheriff court summary	37,695	35,266	256	37	2,136	45,443	830
Sheriff court – solemn (detailed charges)							
– with trial	3,498	2,793	362	20	323	885	3,953
– without trial	7,652	7,169	51	8	424	4,328	1,768
Total sheriff court solemn	11,150	9,962	413	28	747	5,213	2,139
TOTAL SHERIFF COURT	48,845	45,228	669	65*	2,883	50,656	964
High Court (detailed charges)							
– with trial	7,628	3,715	3,051	285	577	611	12,484
– without trial	277	226	16	6	29	82	3,378
– section 76	2,838	1,965	538	86	249	437	6,494
TOTAL HIGH COURT	10,743	5,906	3,605	377	855	1,130	9,507
TOTAL FIXED PAYMENTS ALL PROCEEDINGS 1999/2000	19,003	18,637	20	6	340	31,727	599
TOTAL DETAILED CHARGES ALL PROCEEDINGS 1999/2000	47,817	39,447	4,258	436	3,676	33,046	1,447
Total all proceedings 1999/2000	66,820	58,084	4,278	442	4,016	64,773	1,032
Total all proceedings 1998/1999	72,922	61,462	5,497	515	5,447	67,561	1,079

3(x) CRIMINAL APPEALS – ACCOUNTS								
PROCEEDINGS	TOTAL PAID £ '000	SOLICITOR £ '000	COUNSEL £ '000	SOLICITOR ADVOCATE £ '000	OUTLAYS £ '000	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE £ 1999/2000	AVERAGE COST PER CASE £ 1998/1999
Leave to appeal								
– sheriff court	305	218	51	5	31	518	589	549
– High Court	1,028	729	195	25	79	1,346	764	670
Other appeals								
– sheriff court	52	38	7	1	6	72	722	516
– High Court	260	143	93	5	19	273	952	1,205
Regulation 15	103	71	16	1	15	110	936	658
TOTAL 1999/2000	1,748	1,199	362	37	150	2,319	754	
TOTAL 1998/1999	1,555	1,058	352	35	110	2,337		665

NOTE: This table includes grants made under regulation 15 of the Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (matters of special urgency).
Table (vii) showing applications for legal aid in criminal appeals, does not show these, since special urgency grants do not in all cases lead to a full certificate being granted.

3(xi) NUMBERS OF CASES AND AVERAGE CASE COSTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND COURT									
	DISTRICT COURT		SHERIFF COURT		HIGH COURT		ALL COURTS		
	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE 1999/2000	AVERAGE COST PER CASE 1998/1999
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Murder/attempted murder/culpable homicide	0	0	193	3,827	156	15,502	349	9,046	6,238
Assault	2,394	634	9,888	1,078	158	4,997	12,440	1,042	1,086
Theft/housebreaking/robbery	3,384	552	11,491	905	132	4,927	15,007	861	901
Road traffic offences	370	620	7,283	781	3	4,354	7,656	775	783
Offensive weapons/vandalism/breach of the peace	4,559	516	9,133	769	42	3,172	13,734	692	740
Drugs	473	468	4,342	1,094	272	7,949	5,087	1,402	1,429
Embezzlement/fraud	129	642	1,236	1,179	20	24,663	1,385	1,468	1,484
Sexual offences	6	719	290	2,428	99	8,596	395	3,948	3,055
Other	1,672	571	6,800	1,039	248	14,510	8,720	1,332	1,456
Appeals	0	0	0	0	2,319	754	2,319	754	665
TOTAL 1999/2000	12,987	557	50,656	964	3,449	3,622	67,092	1,022	
TOTAL 1998/1999	12,954	670	53,108	976	3,836	3,644	69,898		1,066

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* Although solicitor advocates do not have rights of audience in the sheriff court, this table has been prepared on the basis of the court where the case was originally heard.

LEGAL AID FOR CHILDREN

APPENDIX 4

4(i) GRANTS OF LEGAL AID BY THE COURTS UNDER THE CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995		
	1999/2000	1998/1999
TOTAL	2,792	2,487

4(ii) APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD IN RESPECT OF APPEALS TO THE COURT OF SESSION AND THE SHERIFF PRINCIPAL		
	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPLICATIONS GRANTED
TOTAL 1999/2000	57	41
TOTAL 1998/1999	48	24

4(iii) ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS PAID							
	TOTAL PAID	SOLICITOR	COUNSEL	SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	OUTLAYS	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE
	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000		£
TOTAL 1999/2000	1,725	1,512	98	1	114	1,897	909
TOTAL 1998/1999	1,719	1,513	83	1	122	1,957	878

CONTEMPT OF COURT

APPENDIX 5

5(i) GRANTS OF LEGAL AID BY THE COURTS UNDER SECTION 30 OF THE LEGAL AID (SCOTLAND) ACT 1986				
	DISTRICT COURT	SHERIFF COURT	HIGH COURT	TOTAL
TOTAL 1999/2000	16	138	13	167
TOTAL 1998/1999	24	131	7	162

5(ii) ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS PAID							
	TOTAL PAID	SOLICITOR	COUNSEL	SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	OUTLAYS	NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE COST PER CASE
	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000		£
TOTAL 1999/2000	31	30	0	0	1	161	193
TOTAL 1998/1999	28	27	0	0	1	98	286

ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS

APPENDIX 6

TYPE	NO. OF CASES	SOLICITOR	COUNSEL	SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	OUTLAYS	TOTAL 1999/2000	TOTAL 1998/1999
		£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000
Advice and assistance	277,340	26,647	27	0	1,613	28,287	28,460
Civil	15,772	19,963	2,640	0	7,643	30,246	32,093
Criminal	67,092	59,284	4,639	477	4,168	68,568	74,477
Duty**	N/A	856	0	0	14	870	943
Children	1,897	1,512	98	1	114	1,725	1,719
Contempt of court	161	30	0	0	1	31	28
TOTAL 1999/2000	362,262	108,292	7,404	478	13,553	129,727	
TOTAL 1998/1999	366,312	113,336	8,920	553	14,911		137,720

** NOTE: Duty solicitors appeared on behalf of 25,104 people.

Throughout these Appendices figures for accounts paid include VAT. Where outlays are shown, these include payments to people other than solicitors and advocates – for example, expert witnesses.

TOP EARNERS

APPENDIX 7

SOLICITORS' FIRMS

These figures show the twenty highest earning firms and the total fees (including VAT but excluding outlays) paid to them during 1999/2000. Amounts paid to firms reflect the number of staff deployed to carry out legal aid work and the extent to which their practice deals with legal aid work. The number of solicitors registered with the Board for legal aid work is also shown for each firm.

	RANK ORDER	1999/2000 NUMBER OF SOLICITORS	TOTAL FEES £'000		RANK ORDER	1998/1999 NUMBER OF SOLICITORS	TOTAL FEES £'000
Ross Harper & Murphy	1	50	2,540	Ross Harper & Murphy	1	42	3,106
Bruce Short & Co	2	13	1,068	Bruce Short & Co	2	13	1,247
Livingstone Brown	3	10	1,038	Drummond Miller	3	24	1,132
George Mathers & Co	4	16	987	Ian McCarry	4	17	1,087
Gilfedder & McInnes	5	10	917	Blair & Bryden	5	28	1,072
Drummond Miller	6	24	916	Gilfedder & McInnes	6	11	1,042
Turnbull McCarron	7	8	884	Livingstone Brown	7	8	997
Gallen & Co	8	8	874	Jim Friel & Co	8	1	977
Ian McCarry	9	14	864	Gallen & Co	9	8	958
Blair & Bryden	10	29	861	Turnbull McCarron	10	7	945
J C Hughes & Co	11	13	800	George More & Co	11	14	945
McCusker McElroy & Co	12	8	793	George Mathers & Co	12	16	889
Martin Johnston & Socha	13	5	774	J C Hughes & Co	13	8	824
Robert Carty	14	16	733	Caesar & Howie	14	24	788
Adams	15	9	708	Adams	15	10	776
Ness Gallagher & Co	16	12	670	Balfour & Manson	16	20	769
Milligan Telford & Morrow	17	4	670	Milligan Telford & Morrow	17	5	753
Caesar & Howie	18	25	668	McCusker McElroy & Co	18	5	724
McKay & Norwell	19	13	664	Sinclairs	19	8	720
McAfee	20	3	657	McAfee	20	6	718

ADVOCATES

These figures show the twenty highest earning advocates. They represent the amounts paid (including VAT) from the Legal Aid Fund to advocates in the respective financial years. Earnings can be expected to vary from year to year depending on the volume of legal aid work assigned to each advocate.

	RANK ORDER	1999/2000 TOTAL FEES £'000		RANK ORDER	1998/1999 TOTAL FEES £'000
Donald R Findlay	1	136	W Gordon Jackson	1	239
Ian Duguid	2	129	Donald R Findlay	2	172
W Gordon Jackson	3	121	Herbert A Kerrigan	3	163
William McVicar	4	114	William McVicar	4	136
Mhairi R Richards	5	105	Maurice Jamieson	5	131
Chris M Shead	6	103	Edward G M Targowski	6	130
Gerald Carroll	7	100	Martin Jones	7	126
Herbert A Kerrigan	8	93	Mark L Stewart	8	124
Brian McConnachie	9	93	Neil D Murray	9	121
Edgar Prais	10	91	J Graham Robertson	10	113
Mark L Stewart	11	91	Michael G O'Grady	11	106
Ronald C Watson	12	86	Brian McConnachie	12	104
J Graham Robertson	13	84	Edgar Prais	13	104
G Jack Davidson	14	84	Janys M Scott	14	103
Edward G M Targowski	15	80	Gary J G Allan	15	99
George C Gebbie	16	79	Ian Duguid	16	99
Alan R Muir	17	78	John A P Moir	17	99
Eileen P Davie	18	77	Mhairi R Richards	18	99
Neil D Murray	19	76	Gerald Carroll	19	95
J M Thomson	20	75	Colin N McEachran	20	92

OUR PERFORMANCE

APPENDIX 8

THE FOLLOWING TABLES SHOW THE BOARD'S PERFORMANCE AGAINST ITS CORPORATE PLAN TARGETS AND COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

CIVIL LEGAL AID	TARGET 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/1999
APPLICATIONS			
% assessed within 6 weeks *	86%	83%	89%
Unit costs	£25.40	£29.72	£26.90
ACCOUNTS			
% assessed within 4 weeks *	83%	73%	84%
Unit costs	£4.98	£8.46	£5.53
DEBT RECOVERIES			
% admin cost/debt recovered	3.2%	2.5%	2.6%
PRINCIPAL SUMS			
% admin cost/debt recovered	7.7%	6.5%	6.8%

CRIMINAL LEGAL AID	TARGET 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/1999
APPLICATIONS			
% assessed within 5 days *	83%	85%	85%
Unit costs	£5.92	£5.41	£5.91
ACCOUNTS			
% assessed within 2 weeks *	85%	56%	86%
Unit costs	£2.37	£2.99	£2.71

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE	TARGET 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/1999
APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASE			
% assessed within 5 days *	81%	80%	84%
Unit costs	£0.86	£1.13	£1.02
ACCOUNTS			
% assessed within 2 weeks *	90%	65%	93%
Unit costs	£0.65	£1.05	£0.72

* These are the times taken by the Board to arrive at a decision. In the case of applications, issue of computer documentation may add one working day to these times; in the case of accounts, the period between funds being drawn from Treasury and payment by the bank into the solicitor's account may add several days.