

VIA EMAIL



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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank-you for your email received on 3 July.

You requested the following;

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following data, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Q1. How many grants of Advice & Assistance were made under the following categories of Civil Advice & Assistance broken down annually in the period between 2014 and 2024?
EVIC, HODP, HLES, JR/HLES, HOU, LDTN, REPO

Q1A. With regards the category REPO, are SLAB able to provide any detail on how many of these grants concerned Housing Disrepair?

Q2. What was the total expenditure (broken down into fees, outlays and counsel) for each of the following categories in the period between 2014 and 2024?
EVIC, HODP, HLES, JR/HLES, HOU, LDTN, REPO

Q3. How many applications for Special Urgency Civil Legal Aid were made under the following categories broken down annually in the period between 2014 and 2024?
RHP, RHP/RA, HODPD, HODPM, JRH, REPH

Q4. Under the categories RHP and RHP/RA are SLAB able to advise how many under each category

concerned an application for eviction in the First Tier Tribunal (Housing & Property) Chamber, between 2018-2024?

Q4a. Under the categories RHP and RHP/RA are SLAB able to advise how many under each category concerned an application for eviction in the First Tier Tribunal (Housing & Property) Chamber, between 2018-2024?

Q5. What was the total expenditure (broken down into fees, outlays and counsel) for each of the following categories in the period between 2014 and 2024?

RHP, RHP/RA, HODPD, HODPM, JRH, REPH

We can confirm that we do hold some of this information and are pleased to provide you with this information in full.

However, we are unable to provide you with detailed expenditure information in relation to Q2 and Q4 for 2014-15 and 2015-16 due to our records retention policy.

The answers to your questions are:

Q1. We have provided the data for the categories requested, as well as some additional categories we group under Housing which may be of interest.

[See attached Excel Workbook](#)

Q1A. Due to our records retention policy, we only have detailed subject matter information for applications from 2018-2024 of the grants for REPO during this period, 51 made reference to subject like 'Housing Disrepair', 'Damp', 'Water Ingress', 'Housing conditions'.

[See attached Excel Workbook](#)

Q2. Due to our records retention policy, we only have detailed expenditure at category level from 2016-2024, which we have provided for the categories requested, as well as some additional categories we group under Housing which may be of interest.

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Q3. We have provided the data for intimations taken under Special Urgency Civil Legal Aid, that is regulation 18(1)(a) and certificates granted under regulation 18(1)(b) for the categories requested, as well as some additional categories we group under Housing/recovery of heritable property which may be of interest.

[See attached Excel Workbook](#)

Q4. We provided the data for the categories requested, as well as some additional categories we group under Housing/recovery of heritable property which may be of interest.

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Q4A. We have provided data to show the number of applications under RHP and RHP/RA that are concerned with an application for eviction in the First Tier Tribunal (Housing & Property) Chamber for the period requested.

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Q4. Due to our records retention policy, we only have detailed expenditure at category level from 2016-2024, which we have provided for the categories requested, as well as some additional categories we group under Housing/recovery of heritable property which may be of interest.

Your right to request a review of decision

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for information, you may ask us to review our decision. A request that we review our decision should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter or, if we have not responded to your request, within 40 days of the date by which we should have responded (that would normally be 20 days after receiving your request).

We will review our decision and tell you the outcome within 20 working days of receiving your request.

If, having done so, you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision.

You must submit your request in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of first receiving notice about the matter you are complaining about.

The Commissioner will not deal with an application unless SLAB's review process has been used and exhausted - in other words, until you have asked us to review our decision and you are not satisfied with our response or have not received a response within 20 working days of your request.

The Commissioner's contact details are:

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Q1. How many grants of Advice & Assistance were made under the following categories o period between 2014 and 2024
EVIC, HODP, HLES, JR/HLES, HOU, LDTN, REPO

Grants of Civil Advice & Assistance provided by financial year.

Category Code	Category Description
EVIC	Eviction
HODP	Home owners and debtor protection
HLES	Homelessness
HOU	Housing
LDTN	Landlord and Tenant
REPO	Reparation Other/Damages
HBEN	Housing Benefit
MRA	Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Act 2001
PFAC	Advice on dispute resolution using the Homeowner Housing Panel (HHP)

Q1A. With regards the category REPO, are SLAB able to provide any detail on how many o

Civil A&A REPO grants concerning Housing Disrepair provided by financial year

Category Code	Category Description
REPO	Reparation Other/Damages

Q2. What was the total expenditure (broken down into fees, outlays and counsel) for each 2024
EVIC, HODP, HLES, JR/HLES, HOU, LDTN, REPO

Information provided by Financial years. Due to our records retention policy , we do not

Civil Advice and Assistance

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Grand Total	

Q3. How many applications for Special Urgency Civil Legal Aid were made under the follo between 2014 and 2024

RHP, RHP/RA, HODPD, HODPM, JRH, REPH

Intimations of steps taken under regulation 18(1)(a) and certificates granted under regula

Category Code Category Description

RHP	Recovery of Heritable Property
RHPRA	Recovery of Heritable Property - Rent Arrears
HODPD	Home owners and debtor protection - defence
HODPM	Home owners and debtor protection - minute
JRH	Judicial Review - Housing/Homelessness
REPH	Reparation - housing disrepair
REPO	Reparation - Other/Damages
HDREP	Housing Disrepair - Non Reparation
MRAM	Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Act 2001 - Minute
MRAR	Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Act 2001 - Repossession

Q4. How many grants of Civil Legal Aid were made under the following categories broken RHP, RHP/RA, HODPD, HODPM, JRH, REPH

Grants of Civil Legal Aid provided by financial year

Category Code Category Description

RHP	Recovery of Heritable Property
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Q4A. Under the categories RHP and RHP/RA are SLAB able to advise how many under eac Tier Tribunal (Housing & Property) Chamber, between 2018-2024.

Applications under RHP & RHP/RA where the subject matter indicates eviction in the First Tier

Category Code Category Description

RHP	Recovery of Heritable Property
RHPRA	Recovery of Heritable Property - Rent Arrears

Q5. What was the total expenditure (broken down into fees, outlays and counsel) for each 2024

RHP, RHP/RA, HODPD, HODPM, JRH, REPH

Information provided by Financial years. Due to our records retention policy , we do not

Civil legal aid

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Grand Total	

of Civil Advice & Assistance broken down annually in the

Subject Matter (Higher Level Description)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Recovery of heritable property	2,144	2,138	2,179	1,997	1,784	1,637
Housing	170	86	64	55	64	51
Housing	651	886	937	642	641	655
Housing	347	299	276	248	242	253
Housing	1,640	1,661	1,662	1,535	1,331	1,126
Reparation	842	962	1,048	528	386	333
Housing	434	340	272	200	130	120
Housing	44	23	24	20	13	10
Housing	0	2	0	1	0	0

f these grants concerned Housing Disrepair?

Subject Matter (Higher Level Description)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Reparation	9	5	14	14	6	3

of the following categories in the period between 2014 and

have detailed expenditure data for 2014-2016.

Subject Matter (Higher Level Description)	2016-17				2017-18	
	Sol & Sol				Sol & Sol	
	Sol & Sol Adv Fees £	Adv Outlays £	Counsel Outlays £	Total paid £	Sol & Sol Adv Fees £	Adv Outlays £
Recovery of heritable property	310,989	32,295	2,718	346,002	304,945	18,060
Housing	9,246	83	0	9,329	11,713	300
Housing	52,912	3,771	1,320	58,003	52,631	3,557
Housing	10,564	1,416	0	11,980	12,021	-201
Housing	156,150	25,806	1,529	183,485	159,085	19,335
Reparation	81,097	29,019	9,140	119,257	140,829	25,729
Housing	39,807	6,571	0	46,379	25,645	101
Housing	3,240	415	0	3,656	4,966	218
Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-
	664,007	99,377	14,707	778,090	711,834	67,100

owing categories broken down annually in the period

tion 18(1)(b) of the Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 2002 by financial year

Subject Matter (Higher Level Description)	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)	18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)	18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)
Housing/recovery of heritable property	315	24	241	31	245	23
Housing/recovery of heritable property	984	90	1,067	96	1,217	46
Housing/recovery of heritable property	164	28	76	6	71	5
Housing/recovery of heritable property	7	1	9	0	5	2
Housing/recovery of heritable property	5	7	22	51	33	55
Housing/recovery of heritable property	3	0	0	0	1	0
Reparation	83	11	105	5	174	7
Housing/recovery of heritable property	1	0	1	0	1	0
Housing/recovery of heritable property	0	0	1	0	2	0
Housing/recovery of heritable property	21	5	10	0	8	1

down annually in the period between 2014 and 2024

Subject Matter (Higher Level Description)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Housing/recovery of heritable property	182	147	167	104	132	149
Housing/recovery of heritable property	488	488	620	626	545	624
Housing/recovery of heritable property	86	35	25	30	37	44
Housing/recovery of heritable property	11	4	4	4	4	7
Housing/recovery of heritable property	4	8	11	12	4	9
Housing/recovery of heritable property	7	6	9	10	5	13
Reparation	52	70	134	19	29	25
Housing/recovery of heritable property	1	1	2	1	1	1
Housing/recovery of heritable property	3	0	0	0	0	1
Housing/recovery of heritable property	5	3	2	4	1	4

h category concerned an application for eviction in the First

Tribunal (Housing & Property) Chamber provided by financial year.

Subject Matter (Higher Level Description)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Housing/recovery of heritable property	4	6	8	13	15	25
Housing/recovery of heritable property	4	11	0	5	6	16

1 of the following categories in the period between 2014 and

have detailed expenditure data for 2014-2016.

Subject Matter (Higher Level Description)	2016-2017				2017-	
	Sol & Sol	Counsel		Total	Sol & Sol	Counsel
	Adv Fees	Fees	Outlays	paid	Adv Fees	Fees
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Housing/recovery of heritable property	91,227	11,421	7,786	110,434	82,394	600
Housing/recovery of heritable property	187,397	0	10,861	198,257	202,361	513
Housing/recovery of heritable property	17,975	0	269	18,244	17,646	0
Housing/recovery of heritable property	6,887	738	247	7,872	3,011	0
Housing/recovery of heritable property	7,678	26,916	104	34,699	24,469	13,932
Housing/recovery of heritable property	5,473	0	679	6,151	9,762	0
Reparation	211,034	166,637	42,810	420,482	253,838	75,172
Housing/recovery of heritable property	4,541	0	524	5,065	1,914	0
Housing/recovery of heritable property	0	0	41	41	339	0
Housing/recovery of heritable property	1,693	0	34	1,727	2,161	0
	533,905	205,712	63,355	802,972	597,897	90,217

2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
356	526	654	812
7	16	15	16
201	247	353	389
192	241	177	210
561	700	618	582
280	294	187	124
56	55	55	43
0	3	4	5
0	4	0	0

7-18		2018-19				2019-20			
Counsel Outlays £	Total paid £	Sol & Sol				Sol & Sol			
		Sol & Sol Adv Fees £	Adv Outlays £	Counsel Outlays £	Total paid £	Sol & Sol Adv Fees £	Adv Outlays £	Counsel Outlays £	Total paid £
1,836	324,842	258,088	15,562	2,220	275,870	228,496	16,010	3,360	247,867
0	12,013	5,830	145	0	5,975	5,462	805	0	6,267
2,220	58,408	44,002	3,768	1,200	48,970	49,915	3,510	4,793	58,217
0	11,820	9,779	1,824	0	11,604	12,755	528	0	13,282
610	179,030	153,432	23,337	700	177,469	139,359	23,867	2,638	165,865
11,451	178,009	59,526	18,463	4,512	82,500	39,907	16,929	7,236	64,071
905	26,651	20,877	2,303	1,620	24,800	15,977	459	0	16,435
0	5,184	1,861	0	0	1,861	1,231	0	0	1,231
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17,022	795,956	553,397	65,403	10,252	629,051	493,101	62,108	18,026	573,235

2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)	18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)	18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)	18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)	18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)
193	20	183	27	249	68	61	7	124	27
1,094	48	918	55	831	68	97	4	166	5
61	6	67	10	62	12	4	0	15	1
5	0	7	0	6	0	0	0	2	0
19	22	25	27	20	74	7	14	13	25
2	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
21	8	15	5	11	13	19	4	11	6
3	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	4
1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	3	0	14	6	1	1	2	0

2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
61	85	70	103
143	120	208	262
4	9	20	22
0	0	1	0
10	12	46	71
8	9	16	6
17	15	14	7
2	1	0	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	3	0

-2018		2018-2019				2019-2020			
Outlays	Total paid	Sol & Sol Adv Fees	Counsel Fees	Outlays	Total paid	Sol & Sol Adv Fees	Counsel Fees	Outlays	Total paid
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
11,830	94,824	65,145	1,200	6,442	72,787	58,994	0	7,154	66,147
8,199	211,073	172,167	972	7,182	180,321	157,239	1,483	5,215	163,937
682	18,328	15,210	1,449	446	17,105	16,384	0	195	16,579
4	3,015	2,544	0	0	2,544	75	0	0	75
1,943	40,345	15,845	11,598	2,346	29,789	10,073	5,104	1,915	17,091
1,760	11,523	29,299	0	5,442	34,741	10,551	0	2,748	13,299
49,157	378,167	138,262	38,240	10,107	186,609	187,142	110,596	37,246	334,984
1,208	3,122	1,866	0	1,145	3,011	0	0	0	0
0	339	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	2,161	428	0	360	787	806	0	0	806
74,784	762,897	440,765	53,459	33,471	527,694	441,264	117,183	54,472	612,919

2020-21				2021-22				2022-23	
Sol & Sol				Sol & Sol				Sol & Sol	
Sol & Sol	Adv	Counsel	Total	Sol & Sol	Adv	Counsel	Total	Sol & Sol	Adv
Adv Fees	Outlays	Outlays	paid	Adv Fees	Outlays	Outlays	paid	Adv Fees	Outlays
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
117,848	7,307	4,620	129,776	90,568	5,484	1,800	97,853	77,993	3,104
2,755	350	600	3,705	1,912	0	0	1,912	700	20
22,126	2,772	4,354	29,251	23,782	3,181	5,754	32,717	27,766	5,988
13,888	2,942	767	17,597	14,407	1,884	1,970	18,261	15,841	1,927
63,401	11,085	3,060	77,546	81,931	29,538	3,425	114,894	97,605	30,422
45,289	16,886	4,249	66,424	36,387	18,387	13,195	67,969	34,894	56,007
8,573	253	0	8,826	6,287	197	720	7,205	4,782	0
1,370	0	0	1,370	303	0	0	303	316	0
-	-	-	-	33	0	0	33	21	0
275,250	41,595	17,650	334,495	255,611	58,672	26,865	341,147	259,918	97,466

2022-23		2023-24	
18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)	18(1)(a)	18(1)(b)
115	26	162	39
331	18	356	14
28	5	13	4
1	0	0	0
21	66	104	71
3	0	1	0
8	2	3	1
1	0	1	0
3	0	0	0
5	0	7	0

2020-2021				2021-2022				2022	
Sol & Sol	Counsel		Total	Sol & Sol	Counsel		Total	Sol & Sol	Counsel
Adv Fees	Fees	Outlays	paid	Adv Fees	Fees	Outlays	paid	Adv Fees	Fees
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
35,773	3,761	8,897	48,431	59,082	13,571	4,415	77,068	39,844	10,215
68,541	1,680	5,365	75,586	36,564	0	737	37,301	35,314	0
7,885	0	25	7,910	5,693	0	19	5,712	4,875	0
960	0	0	960	1,546	0	0	1,546		
2,730	6,218	1,945	10,892	6,148	7,356	1,105	14,609	22,617	23,456
8,193	476	6,324	14,993	25,552	1,504	12,344	39,400	16,001	2,481
113,274	55,124	36,487	204,885	87,874	70,388	25,488	183,750	163,366	82,954
580	0	0	580	766	0	0	766	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,437	0	0	1,437	1,034	0	5	1,039	487	0
239,372	67,258	59,043	365,673	224,259	92,819	44,112	361,190	282,504	119,107

2-23		2023-24			
		Sol & Sol			
Counsel Outlays	Total paid	Sol & Sol Adv Fees	Adv Outlays	Counsel Outlays	Total paid
£	£	£	£	£	£
3,240	84,337	103,336	5,296	5,520	114,152
0	720	2,587	0	0	2,587
8,942	42,696	19,016	3,873	1,140	24,030
0	17,768	14,544	675	0	15,219
1,228	129,254	67,462	23,997	1,440	92,899
14,460	105,361	29,095	47,200	6,855	83,150
0	4,782	5,359	60	0	5,419
0	316	236	0	0	236
0	21				
27,870	385,254	241,635	81,100	14,955	337,691

2023		2023-2024			
Outlays	Total paid	Sol & Sol Adv Fees	Counsel Fees	Outlays	Total paid
£	£	£	£	£	£
2,549	52,608	43,800	12,621	5,051	61,472
2,054	37,368	77,720	610	5,076	83,406
0	4,875	10,274	900	349	11,523
		0	0	0	0
9,240	55,314	32,005	15,324	6,390	53,719
2,222	20,705	28,909	6,161	9,812	44,882
28,366	274,686	48,251	36,168	17,037	101,455
700	700	318	0	0	318
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	487	1,588	0	0	1,588
45,131	446,742	242,864	71,784	43,715	358,363