

1. Key statistics 2014-2019

Appendix notes

1. Figures for accounts paid include VAT and are prepared on a cash basis, unless stated otherwise.
2. Outlays include all payments other than fees paid to solicitors and advocates - for example the cost of expert witnesses.
3. A zero 0 indicates that no values were recorded. A dash "-" indicates that no value is applicable.
4. Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2017-18 figures are part-year from 25 January 2018.

1.1 Initial applications for legal assistance	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent change on	
						2017-2018	2014-2015
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	69,340	68,210	68,079	63,647	61,112	-4%	-12%
Civil legal aid	18,853	18,827	18,877	17,549	18,219	4%	-3%
Total civil legal assistance	88,193	87,037	86,956	81,196	79,331	-2%	-10%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	26,796	24,511	22,590	18,682	10,123	-46%	-62%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	2,315	16,898	-	-
Criminal ABWOR	30,439	28,266	28,713	26,660	26,192	-2%	-14%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB assessed)	57,797	57,339	52,706	49,194	43,670	-11%	-24%
Summary and ABWOR	88,236	85,605	81,419	75,854	69,862	-8%	-21%
Solemn	13,333	12,412	11,133	10,616	11,482	8%	-14%
Appeals	1,365	638	532	501	489	-2%	-64%
Total criminal legal assistance	129,730	123,166	115,674	107,968	108,854	1%	-16%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	5,216	4,951	4,725	4,279	3,823	-11%	-27%
Children's ABWOR	3,546	4,127	4,371	4,383	4,814	10%	36%
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	8,762	9,078	9,096	8,662	8,637	0%	-1%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	3,329	3,295	3,055	2,806	2,712	-3%	-19%
Total children's legal assistance	12,091	12,373	12,151	11,468	11,349	-1%	-6%
Total initial applications for legal assistance	230,014	222,576	214,781	200,632	199,534	-1%	-13%

1.2 Grants of legal assistance	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent change on	
						2017-2018	2014-2015
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	69,340	68,210	68,079	63,647	61,112	-4%	-12%
Civil legal aid	12,977	12,817	13,425	13,093	13,561	4%	5%
Total civil legal assistance	82,317	81,027	81,504	76,740	74,673	-3%	-9%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	26,796	24,511	22,590	18,682	10,123	-46%	-62%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	2,315	16,898	-	-
Criminal ABWOR	30,439	28,266	28,713	26,660	26,192	-2%	-14%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB assessed)	49,092	47,908	47,761	43,819	40,123	-8%	-18%
Summary criminal legal aid (court granted)	9	16	18	9	18	100%	100%
Total summary criminal and ABWOR	79,540	76,190	76,492	70,488	66,333	-6%	-17%
Solemn criminal legal aid	12,159	11,116	10,059	9,772	10,457	7%	-14%
Court granted legal aid	2,890	3,088	2,796	2,611	2,536	-3%	-12%
Appeals	1,275	402	489	480	458	-5%	-64%
Duty solicitor appearances (including PDSO)	13,664	13,423	12,388	10,845	9,509	-12%	-30%
Total criminal legal assistance	136,324	128,730	124,814	115,193	116,314	1%	-15%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	5,216	4,951	4,725	4,279	3,823	-11%	-27%
Children's ABWOR	3,546	4,127	4,371	4,383	4,814	10%	36%
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	8,762	9,078	9,096	8,662	8,637	0%	-1%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	2,721	2,679	2,601	2,380	2,319	-3%	-15%
Children's automatic legal aid	235	231	216	229	136	-41%	-42%
Total children's legal assistance	11,718	11,988	11,913	11,271	11,092	-2%	-5%
Total grants of legal assistance	230,359	221,745	218,231	203,204	202,079	-1%	-12%

1.3 Total payments for administration (£000)	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent change on	
						2017-2018	2014-2015
Administration spend							
Staff costs	9,202	9,777	9,685	9,715	9,840	1%	7%
Running costs	2,630	1,928	1,932	2,236	1,715	-23%	-35%
Capital	593	513	130	74	63	-15%	-89%
Total administration spend	12,425	12,218	11,747	12,025	11,618	-3%	-6%

1.4 Number of cases paid to solicitors	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent change on	
						2017-2018	2014-2015
Civil legal assistance							
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	59,917	56,967	53,577	54,628	52,019	-5%	-13%
Civil legal aid	13,981	13,695	13,048	13,578	13,243	-2%	-5%
Total civil legal assistance	73,898	70,662	66,625	68,206	65,262	-4%	-12%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	13,698	11,810	11,686	10,065	6,269	-38%	-54%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	1,299	12,176	-	-
Criminal ABWOR	28,900	26,949	27,284	24,077	24,116	0%	-17%
Summary criminal legal aid	48,903	51,072	49,807	45,307	40,964	-10%	-16%
Solemn criminal legal aid	10,607	11,572	11,559	9,787	9,378	-4%	-12%
Court granted legal aid	2,177	2,440	2,278	2,009	1,815	-10%	-17%
Appeals	1,401	1,088	1,176	1,089	1,016	-7%	-27%
Duty	11,061	10,876	10,311	8,919	7,448	-16%	-33%
Viper Parades	-	-	434	1,032	1,026	-1%	-
Total criminal legal assistance	116,747	115,807	114,535	103,584	104,208	1%	-11%
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	4,288	3,571	2,933	2,353	2,121	-10%	-51%
Children's ABWOR	2,381	3,754	4,465	5,172	4,986	-4%	109%
Children's legal aid	3,003	2,810	2,698	2,452	2,394	-2%	-20%
Total children's legal assistance	9,672	10,135	10,096	9,977	9,501	-5%	-2%
Total legal assistance	200,317	196,604	191,256	181,767	178,971	-2%	-11%

Notes

1. Duty solicitors' number of appearances on behalf of accused persons.
2. The ability to report Viper attendances was introduced during 2016-2017. Figures are part-year from 21 October 2016.
3. These figures do not include work done by employed solicitors such as CLAO & PDSO.

1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000)	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent change on	
						2017-2018	2014-2015
Civil legal assistance							
Total civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	18,395	18,590	18,443	19,606	19,492	-1%	6%
Civil legal aid gross expenditure	34,156	34,142	30,719	30,406	31,371	3%	-8%
Civil legal aid income received	(10,020)	(11,740)	(9,727)	(9,160)	(10,291)	12%	3%
Civil legal aid (net cost)	24,136	22,402	20,992	21,246	21,079	-1%	-13%
CLAO gross expenditure	1,348	1,400	1,442	1,478	1,403	-5%	4%
CLAO income received	(11)	(13)	(13)	(19)	(16)	-18%	47%
CLAO (net cost)	1,337	1,387	1,429	1,459	1,387	-5%	4%
Total civil assistance gross expenditure	53,899	54,132	50,604	51,491	52,266	2%	-3%
Civil audit restitution	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	-	-
Total net civil legal assistance	43,869	42,379	40,864	42,311	41,959	-1%	-4%
Grant funding							
Grant funded expenditure	6,329	7,780	6,255	4,886	4,674	-4%	-26%
Money Advice Service funding received	(2,350)	(2,350)	(2,350)	(2,595)	(1,895)	-27%	-19%
Total net grant funded	3,979	5,430	3,905	2,291	2,779	21%	-30%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	1,039	891	1,003	929	424	-54%	-59%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	172	1,521	-	-
Criminal ABWOR	13,542	12,271	12,128	11,024	10,785	-2%	-20%
Total criminal advice and assistance and ABWOR	14,581	13,163	13,131	12,125	12,730	5%	-13%
Summary criminal legal aid	29,156	29,735	29,272	26,947	24,830	-8%	-15%
Solemn criminal legal aid	35,423	36,337	37,473	29,818	30,297	2%	-14%
Court granted legal aid	455	517	544	524	530	1%	17%
Appeals	2,235	1,348	1,290	1,217	1,187	-2%	-47%
Criminal legal assistance income received	(6)	(9)	(10)	(21)	(14)	-31%	126%
Criminal legal aid (net cost)	67,262	67,929	68,568	58,485	56,829	-3%	-16%
Duty	970	938	863	644	528	-18%	-46%
Viper Parades	-	-	78	182	184	1%	-
Public Defence Solicitors' Office (PDSO)	2,025	2,126	2,254	2,254	2,240	-1%	11%
Police Station Duty Scheme Contact Line	578	640	650	658	1,017	55%	76%
Glasgow Court Advisers	53	46	50	56	61	9%	15%
Criminal audit restitution	(208)	(213)	(224)	(125)	(150)	20%	-28%
Total net criminal legal assistance	85,261	84,628	85,371	74,280	73,440	-1%	-14%

Table 1.5 continued overleaf

1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000) (continued)	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent change on	
						2017-2018	2014-2015
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	604	457	324	222	209	-6%	-65%
Children's ABWOR	947	1,526	2,006	2,341	2,381	2%	152%
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	1,550	1,984	2,330	2,564	2,590	1%	67%
Children's legal aid	3,684	3,123	3,042	2,817	2,662	-5%	-28%
Children's legal aid income received	(10)	(13)	(16)	(22)	(13)	-42%	30%
Children's legal aid (net cost)	3,674	3,109	3,026	2,794	2,649	-5%	-28%
Total net children's legal assistance	5,224	5,093	5,356	5,358	5,239	-2%	0%
Miscellaneous							
Extraordinary interest payment to Advocates	(48)	0	0	0	0	-	-100%
Miscellaneous payments	316	282	234	301	375	25%	19%
Legal Aid Fund (gross expenditure)	151,206	152,150	148,070	136,483	136,171	0%	-10%
Total cost of legal assistance to the taxpayer	138,601	137,812	135,730	124,541	123,792	-1%	-11%

Notes

1. The recovery of incorrectly claimed monies is included within 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 advice and assistance contributions and money repaid by solicitors and assisted persons.
4. The ability to report Viper attendances was introduced during 2016-2017. Figures are part-year from 21 October 2016. Viper parades have been restated for 2016-2017 & 2017-2018.

1.6 Average case cost (£)	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent change on	
						2017-2018	2014-2015
Civil legal assistance							
Advice and assistance and ABWOR	307	326	344	359	375	4%	22%
Civil legal aid	2,443	2,493	2,354	2,239	2,369	6%	-3%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	76	75	86	92	68	-27%	-11%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	132	125	-5%	-
ABWOR	469	455	445	458	447	-2%	-5%
Summary criminal legal aid	596	582	588	595	606	2%	2%
Solemn criminal legal aid	3,340	3,140	3,242	3,047	3,231	6%	-3%
Court granted legal aid	209	212	239	261	292	12%	40%
Appeals	1,596	1,239	1,097	1,117	1,169	5%	-27%
Children's legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	141	128	110	95	99	4%	-30%
ABWOR	398	407	449	453	477	5%	20%
Children's legal aid	1,227	1,111	1,128	1,149	1,112	-3%	-9%

1.7 Payments made (£000)

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent change on	
						2017-2018	2014-2015
Civil legal assistance							
Advocates	3,928	5,101	4,277	3,390	3,514	4%	-11%
Solicitor advocates	24	1	1	4	13	190%	-47%
Solicitors	36,348	34,778	33,169	33,607	33,748	0%	-7%
Outlays	12,252	12,852	11,715	13,011	13,588	4%	11%
Total	52,551	52,732	49,162	50,013	50,863	2%	-3%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advocates	7,695	9,071	10,461	8,025	8,639	8%	12%
Solicitor advocates	3,019	2,753	2,981	1,973	2,305	17%	-24%
Solicitors	66,856	65,640	64,627	57,008	55,098	-3%	-18%
Outlays	5,250	4,574	4,582	4,451	4,244	-5%	-19%
Total	82,820	82,038	82,651	71,457	70,286	-2%	-15%
Children's legal assistance							
Advocates	277	297	287	456	392	-14%	41%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	4,527	4,403	4,614	4,543	4,480	-1%	-1%
Outlays	430	406	472	381	380	0%	-12%
Total	5,234	5,106	5,372	5,381	5,252	-2%	0%
Total legal assistance							
Advocates	11,900	14,469	15,025	11,871	12,545	6%	5%
Solicitor advocates	3,043	2,754	2,983	1,977	2,318	17%	-24%
Solicitors	107,731	104,821	102,410	95,158	93,326	-2%	-13%
Outlays	17,931	17,832	16,768	17,844	18,212	2%	2%
Total	140,605	139,876	137,185	126,850	126,401	0%	-10%

Note

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