



Key statistics 2008 - 2013

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. The figures for 2011-12 in tables 1.1-1.2 and 1.4-1.7 have been restated due to categories within Civil contempt being revised.

1.1 Initial applications for legal assistance	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent change on	
						2011-2012	2008-2009
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance	90,908	95,277	90,098	80,621	80,473	-0.2%	-11.5%
Civil ABWOR	4,320	4,280	4,331	4,795	4,721	-1.5%	9.3%
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	95,228	99,557	94,429	85,416	85,194	-0.3%	-10.5%
Civil legal aid	17,738	22,028	21,251	20,015	20,720	3.5%	16.8%
Total civil legal assistance	112,966	121,585	115,680	105,431	105,914	0.5%	-6.2%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	52,065	27,864	27,545	31,590	29,906	-5.3%	-42.6%
Criminal ABWOR	39,279	47,142	42,853	37,450	33,598	-10.3%	-14.5%
Summary criminal legal aid (Board granted)	64,457	61,056	59,159	58,324	52,637	-9.8%	-18.3%
Summary and ABWOR	103,736	108,198	102,012	95,774	86,235	-10.0%	-16.9%
Solemn	-	-	4,279	13,046	11,901	-8.8%	-
Appeals	1,920	2,042	1,912	1,784	1,603	-10.1%	-16.5%
Total criminal legal assistance	157,721	138,104	135,748	142,194	129,645	-8.8%	-17.8%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	4,878	4,488	4,601	4,548	4,782	5.1%	-2.0%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	4,603	4,650	4,734	4,960	5,043	1.7%	9.6%
Total children's legal assistance	9,481	9,138	9,335	9,508	9,825	3.3%	3.6%
Contempt of court							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	352	187	196	141	151	7.1%	-57.1%
Contempt of court legal aid	617	794	1,008	933	1,193	27.9%	93.4%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	969	981	1,204	1,074	1,344	25.1%	38.7%

Notes

1. SLAB took on the responsibility for granting legal aid in solemn cases on 25th November 2010. Therefore solemn applications received in 2010-11 are part-year figures. Applications for solemn legal aid were not made to the Board prior to 25th November 2010.

1.2 Grants of legal assistance	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent change on	
						2011-2012	2008-2009
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance	90,908	95,277	90,098	80,621	80,473	-0.2%	-11.5%
Civil ABWOR	4,320	4,280	4,331	4,795	4,721	-1.5%	9.3%
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	95,228	99,557	94,429	85,416	85,194	-0.3%	-10.5%
Civil legal aid	12,113	15,049	13,068	12,794	13,427	4.9%	10.8%
Total civil legal assistance	107,341	114,606	107,497	98,210	98,621	0.4%	-8.1%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	52,065	27,864	27,545	31,590	29,906	-5.3%	-42.6%
Criminal ABWOR	39,279	47,142	42,853	37,450	33,598	-10.3%	-14.5%
Summary criminal legal aid (Board granted)	59,019	55,810	50,603	54,182	46,417	-14.3%	-21.4%
Summary criminal legal aid (court granted)	397	72	30	22	13	-40.9%	-96.7%
Total summary criminal and ABWOR	98,695	103,024	93,486	91,654	80,028	-12.7%	-18.9%
Solemn criminal legal aid	12,410	12,066	11,739	12,347	11,229	-9.1%	-9.5%
Automatic legal aid	1,184	1,320	1,173	1,400	1,506	7.6%	27.2%
Appeals	1,783	1,891	1,762	1,611	1,414	-12.2%	-20.7%
Duty solicitor appearances (including PDSO)	29,017	21,036	18,272	15,298	12,257	-19.9%	-57.8%
Total criminal legal assistance	195,154	167,201	153,977	153,900	136,340	-11.4%	-30.1%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	4,878	4,488	4,601	4,548	4,782	5.1%	-2.0%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	4,571	4,606	4,710	4,934	5,006	1.5%	9.5%
Total children's legal assistance	9,449	9,094	9,311	9,482	9,788	3.2%	3.6%
Contempt of court							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	352	187	196	141	151	7.1%	-57.1%
Contempt of court legal aid	617	794	1,008	933	1,193	27.9%	93.4%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	969	981	1,204	1,074	1,344	25.1%	38.7%
Total grants of legal assistance	312,913	291,882	271,989	262,666	246,093	-6.3%	-21.4%

1.3 Total payments for administration and legal aid

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent change on	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	2011-2012	2008-2009
Administration spend							
Staff costs	9,248	9,762	9,754	9,540	9,434	-1.1%	2.0%
Running costs	4,008	3,298	2,929	2,702	2,469	-8.6%	-38.4%
Capital	285	318	487	219	116	-47.0%	-59.3%
Total Administration spend	13,541	13,378	13,170	12,461	12,019	-3.5%	-11.2%
Legal Aid Fund (gross expenditure)	160,801	161,562	173,237	173,189	164,565	-5.0%	2.3%
Legal assistance income received	(10,562)	(10,894)	(11,669)	(15,244)	(14,188)	-6.9%	34.3%
Audit restitution	-	(187)	(176)	(294)	(133)	-54.9%	-
Total net legal aid expenditure	150,239	150,481	161,391	157,651	150,244	-4.7%	0.0%
Total administration and legal aid	163,780	163,859	174,561	170,112	162,263	-4.6%	-0.9%

1.4 Number of cases paid to solicitors

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent change on	
						2011-2012	2008-2009
Civil legal assistance							
Civil advice and assistance	76,149	77,864	77,448	70,614	64,910	-8.1%	-14.8%
Civil ABWOR	4,282	3,756	3,526	3,413	4,824	41.3%	12.7%
Civil legal aid	12,866	13,137	14,241	14,866	13,820	-7.0%	7.4%
Total civil legal assistance	93,297	94,757	95,215	88,893	83,554	-6.0%	-10.4%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	59,335	20,882	17,623	17,188	16,495	-4.0%	-72.2%
Criminal ABWOR	28,375	43,388	40,291	34,854	33,176	-4.8%	16.9%
Summary criminal legal aid	65,014	49,298	54,042	52,480	48,355	-7.9%	-25.6%
Solemn criminal legal aid	12,775	12,236	11,636	11,338	11,109	-2.0%	-13.0%
Court grants	-	-	-	593	1,038	75.0%	-
Appeals	2,123	1,883	1,996	1,817	1,571	-13.5%	-26.0%
Duty solicitor	27,734	19,821	17,104	12,546	9,833	-21.6%	-64.5%
Total criminal legal assistance	195,356	147,508	142,692	130,816	121,577	-7.1%	-37.8%
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	3,945	4,009	4,046	3,658	3,837	4.9%	-2.7%
Children's legal aid	3,706	4,075	4,007	4,184	4,419	5.6%	19.2%
Total children's legal assistance	7,651	8,084	8,053	7,842	8,256	5.3%	7.9%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	327	168	148	92	105	14.1%	-67.9%
Contempt of court legal aid	461	595	760	813	913	12.3%	98.0%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	788	763	908	905	1,018	12.5%	29.2%
Total legal assistance	297,092	251,112	246,868	228,456	214,405	-6.2%	-27.8%

Notes

1. Duty solicitors' number of appearances on behalf of accused persons.
2. Before 2011-2012 court grants are included within solemn criminal legal aid.

1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance

	2008-2009 £000	2009-2010 £000	2010-2011 £000	2011-2012 £000	2012-2013 £000	Percent change on	
						2011-2012	2008-2009
Civil legal assistance							
Civil advice and assistance	15,985	16,592	17,735	17,052	16,022	-6.0%	0.2%
Civil ABWOR	4,886	4,590	4,300	3,831	4,877	27.3%	-0.2%
Total civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	20,870	21,182	22,035	20,883	20,899	0.1%	0.1%
Civil legal aid gross expenditure	32,002	35,011	38,834	45,589	38,882	-14.7%	21.5%
Civil legal aid income received	(10,548)	(10,880)	(11,655)	(15,231)	(11,980)	-21.3%	13.6%
Civil legal aid (net cost)	21,454	24,131	27,179	30,358	26,902	-11.4%	25.4%
CLAO gross expenditure	389	1,016	1,107	1,060	1,214	14.5%	212.1%
CLAO income received	-	(3)	(4)	(6)	(7)	20.7%	-
CLAO (net cost)	389	1,013	1,103	1,054	1,207	14.5%	210.2%
Grant funded expenditure	-	916	1,773	1,702	2,197	29.1%	-
Money Advice Service funding received	-	-	-	-	(2,197)	-	-
Total civil assistance gross expenditure	53,261	58,125	63,749	69,233	63,192	-8.7%	18.6%
Civil audit restitution	-	(50)	0	(68)	0	-100.0%	-
Total net civil legal assistance	42,713	47,192	52,090	53,929	49,007	-9.1%	14.7%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	4,267	1,083	977	1,034	1,111	7.4%	-74.0%
Criminal ABWOR	11,104	20,068	20,116	17,621	15,827	-10.2%	42.5%
Total criminal advice and assistance and ABWOR	15,371	21,151	21,094	18,655	16,937	-9.2%	10.2%
Summary criminal legal aid	42,855	31,665	35,309	33,179	29,543	-11.0%	-31.1%
Solemn criminal legal aid	38,454	39,082	40,812	39,164	41,672	6.4%	8.4%
Court grants	-	-	-	116	220	89.8%	-
Appeals	3,366	3,323	4,160	4,161	3,167	-23.9%	-5.9%
Criminal legal assistance income received	(14)	(11)	(10)	(7)	(3)	-49.8%	-76.8%
Criminal legal aid (net cost)	84,661	74,059	80,270	76,613	74,600	-2.6%	-11.9%
Duty solicitor appearances	1,657	1,444	1,312	1,120	897	-19.9%	-45.9%
Public Defence Solicitors' Office (PDSO)	1,456	1,583	1,509	1,846	1,941	5.1%	33.3%
Police Station Duty Scheme Contact Line	-	-	-	494	607	22.9%	-
Criminal audit restitution	-	(137)	(176)	(226)	(133)	-41.4%	-
Total net criminal legal assistance	103,146	98,101	104,008	98,502	94,849	-3.7%	-8.0%
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	388	414	449	413	503	21.9%	29.6%
Children's legal aid	3,784	4,511	4,581	4,497	4,913	9.3%	29.9%
Total children's legal assistance	4,172	4,925	5,030	4,910	5,417	10.3%	29.8%

Table 1.5 continued overleaf

1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (continued)	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent change on	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	2011-2012	2008-2009
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	25	20	23	13	13	1.9%	-47.5%
Contempt of court legal aid	143	166	197	234	246	5.5%	72.1%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	168	185	220	247	260	5.3%	54.1%
Extraordinary interest payment to Advocates	-	-	-	-	519	-	-
Miscellaneous payments	40	78	44	64	192	200.0%	380.0%
Legal Aid Fund (gross expenditure)	160,801	161,562	173,237	173,189	164,565	-5.0%	2.3%
Total cost of legal assistance to the taxpayer	150,239	150,481	161,391	157,651	150,244	-4.7%	0.0%

Notes

1. The recovery of incorrectly claimed monies, identified through the work of the compliance auditors is shown as audit restitution lines.
2. Income received from the Money Advice Service is their contribution to the Making Advice Work Programme in 2011-12.
3. Income from criminal legal assistance relates to A&A contributions and money repaid by solicitors and assisted persons.
4. Before 2011-2012 court grants are included within solemn criminal legal aid.
5. The Extraordinary interest payment to Advocates excludes case specific interest payments which are included in the relevant legal assistance payment tables in Appendices 3 to 7. It is therefore smaller than the figure "Interest paid to advocates" in the Statement of comprehensive net expenditure, p.25 Statement of Accounts, which contains all interest payments to advocates, whether case specific or not.
6. The figure for 2011/12 Miscellaneous payments has been restated removing Ex-gratia payments which are included in the legal assistance payment tables in Appendices 3 to 7.

1.6 Average case cost

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent change on	
	£	£	£	£	£	2011-2012	2008-2009
Civil legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	207	213	229	241	247	2.2%	19.1%
ABWOR	1,176	1,222	1,220	1,123	1,011	-9.9%	-14.0%
Civil legal aid	2,488	2,665	2,727	3,066	2,813	-8.2%	13.1%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	67	52	55	60	67	12.2%	0.7%
ABWOR	389	463	499	506	477	-5.7%	22.5%
Summary criminal legal aid	659	642	653	632	611	-3.3%	-7.3%
Solemn criminal legal aid (excluding appeals)	3,001	3,194	3,507	3,454	3,751	8.6%	25.0%
Court grants	-	-	-	195	212	8.4%	-
Appeals	1,579	1,765	2,084	2,290	2,016	-12.0%	27.7%
Children's legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	99	103	111	113	131	16.2%	32.4%
Children's legal aid	1,016	1,107	1,143	1,075	1,112	3.4%	9.5%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	77	117	156	142	126	-10.7%	63.6%
Contempt of court legal aid	310	278	259	287	270	-6.1%	-13.1%

1. Before 2011-2012 court grants are included within solemn criminal legal aid.

1.7 Payments made

	2008-2009 £000	2009-2010 £000	2010-2011 £000	2011-2012 £000	2012-2013 £000	Percent change on	
						2011-2012	2008-2009
Civil legal assistance							
Advocates	4,937	5,996	6,305	10,166	6,229	-38.7%	26.2%
Solicitor advocates	29	63	86	39	7	-81.7%	-75.9%
Solicitors	34,843	36,400	40,538	42,510	39,831	-6.3%	14.3%
Outlays	12,688	13,733	13,940	13,755	13,713	-0.3%	8.1%
Total	52,497	56,193	60,869	66,470	59,781	-10.1%	13.9%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advocates	9,913	9,546	11,063	10,854	11,410	5.1%	15.1%
Solicitor advocates	2,500	2,711	3,255	3,854	4,477	16.2%	79.1%
Solicitors	82,209	77,314	81,034	75,167	69,866	-7.1%	-15.0%
Outlays	5,269	5,651	6,021	5,400	5,788	7.2%	9.8%
Total	99,891	95,221	101,374	95,275	91,541	-3.9%	-8.4%
Children's legal assistance							
Advocates	905	977	934	576	676	17.2%	-25.4%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	3,024	3,630	3,700	3,928	4,342	10.5%	43.6%
Outlays	242	318	396	405	399	-1.6%	64.8%
Total	4,171	4,925	5,030	4,910	5,417	10.3%	29.9%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Advocates	17	10	10	6	15	146.0%	-11.4%
Solicitor advocates	17	16	10	9	7	-16.6%	-58.0%
Solicitors	131	154	196	227	232	2.1%	76.6%
Outlays	4	5	4	7	6	-15.9%	35.4%
Total	169	186	220	248	260	4.5%	53.2%

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1.7 Payments made (continued)

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent change on	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	2011-2012	2008-2009
Duty solicitor appearances							
Advocates	1	0	0	0	1	187.6%	24.4%
Solicitor advocates	1	0	0	0	0	113.6%	-72.3%
Solicitors	1,602	1,414	1,281	1,095	875	-20.1%	-45.4%
Outlays	50	29	31	24	21	-14.6%	-58.5%
Total	1,654	1,444	1,312	1,120	897	-19.9%	-45.8%
Total legal assistance							
Advocates	15,773	16,531	18,312	21,603	18,330	-15.2%	16.2%
Solicitor advocates	2,547	2,791	3,352	3,901	4,491	15.1%	76.3%
Solicitors	121,810	118,912	126,748	122,924	115,146	-6.3%	-5.5%
Outlays	18,253	19,736	20,392	19,594	19,927	1.7%	9.2%
Total	158,383	157,969	168,804	168,024	157,895	-6.0%	-0.3%

Notes

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