

6. Contempt of court legal assistance

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, the 2012-2013 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.
4. ABWOR is not available for a contempt of court matter. All solicitor intimations are now reported as advice and assistance.
5. The figures in tables 6.1 and 6.4 have been restated due to re-categorisation of Civil contempt.

6.1 Intimations of contempt of court advice and assistance

Aid type	2012-2013	2011-2012
Advice and assistance		
Civil	63	52
Criminal	87	88
Children's	1	1
Total	151	141

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

Type	Applications for increase		Increases granted		Increases refused	
	2012-2013	2011-2012	2012-2013	2011-2012	2012-2013	2011-2012
Templated advice and assistance	52	42	52	41	0	1
Non-templated advice and assistance	15	22	10	16	4	6
Total	67	64	62	57	4	7

Note

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	Stipendiary court	Sheriff court	High Court	Total
Total 2012-2013	28	0	1,145	20	1,193
Total 2011-2012	18	0	897	18	933



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

Aid type	Number of cases	Solicitor £000	Solicitor outlays £000	Counsel outlays £000	Total outlays £000	Total paid 2012-2013 £000	Total paid 2011-2012 £000	Average case cost 2012-2013 £	Average case cost 2011-2012 £
Advice and assistance									
Civil	37	10	1	0	1	10	11	283	230
Criminal	68	3	0	0	0	3	1	41	36
Children's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	67
Total 2012-2013	105	12	1	0	1	13	-	126	-
Total 2011-2012	92	13	0	0	0	-	13	-	142

Note

1. In this table, payments to advocates and solicitor advocates are included under counsel outlays, as regulation 17(1) of the Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 1996 only provides for payments of fees and outlays to the solicitor.

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 2012-2013 £000	Total paid 2011-2012 £000	Average case cost 2012-2013 £	Average case cost 2011-2012 £
Total 2012-2013	913	219	15	7	5	246	-	270	-
Total 2011-2012	813	212	6	9	6	-	234	-	287