



## Key statistics 2010 - 2015

### 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. Children's ABWOR was not available prior to 24th June 2013.

1.1 Initial applications for legal assistance	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Percent change on	
						2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Civil</b>							
Civil advice and assistance	90,098	80,621	80,473	72,343	63,880	-11.7%	-29.1%
Civil ABWOR	4,331	4,795	4,721	5,101	5,405	6.0%	24.8%
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	94,429	85,416	85,194	77,444	69,285	-10.5%	-26.6%
Civil legal aid	21,251	20,015	20,720	20,170	18,853	-6.5%	-11.3%
<b>Total civil legal assistance</b>	<b>115,680</b>	<b>105,431</b>	<b>105,914</b>	<b>97,614</b>	<b>88,138</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>-23.8%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>							
Criminal advice and assistance	27,545	31,590	29,906	29,051	26,737	-8.0%	-2.9%
Criminal ABWOR	42,853	37,450	33,598	33,787	30,439	-9.9%	-29.0%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB granted)	59,159	58,324	52,637	58,685	57,797	-1.5%	-2.3%
Summary and ABWOR	102,012	95,774	86,235	92,472	88,236	-4.6%	-13.5%
Solemn	4,279	13,046	11,901	12,853	13,333	3.7%	211.6%
Appeals	1,912	1,784	1,603	1,476	1,365	-7.5%	-28.6%
<b>Total criminal legal assistance</b>	<b>135,748</b>	<b>142,194</b>	<b>129,645</b>	<b>135,852</b>	<b>129,671</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>
<b>Children's</b>							
Children's advice and assistance	4,601	4,548	4,782	4,911	5,207	6.0%	13.2%
Children's ABWOR	-	-	-	1,662	3,546	113.4%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	4,601	4,548	4,782	6,573	8,753	33.2%	90.2%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	4,734	4,960	5,043	4,015	3,564	-11.2%	-24.7%
<b>Total children's legal assistance</b>	<b>9,335</b>	<b>9,508</b>	<b>9,825</b>	<b>10,588</b>	<b>12,317</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>31.9%</b>
<b>Contempt of court</b>							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	196	141	151	153	123	-19.6%	-37.2%
Contempt of court legal aid	1,008	933	1,193	1,082	1,300	20.1%	29.0%
<b>Total contempt of court legal assistance</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>
<b>Total initial applications for legal assistance</b>	<b>261,967</b>	<b>258,207</b>	<b>246,728</b>	<b>245,289</b>	<b>231,549</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>

**Note**

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 SLAB prior to 25th November 2010.

1.2 Grants of legal assistance						Percent change on	
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Civil</b>							
Civil advice and assistance	90,098	80,621	80,473	72,343	63,880	-11.7%	-29.1%
Civil ABWOR	4,331	4,795	4,721	5,101	5,405	6.0%	24.8%
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	94,429	85,416	85,194	77,444	69,285	-10.5%	-26.6%
Civil legal aid	13,068	12,794	13,427	13,409	12,977	-3.2%	-0.7%
<b>Total civil legal assistance</b>	<b>107,497</b>	<b>98,210</b>	<b>98,621</b>	<b>90,853</b>	<b>82,262</b>	<b>-9.5%</b>	<b>-23.5%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>							
Criminal advice and assistance	27,545	31,590	29,906	29,051	26,737	-8.0%	-2.9%
Criminal ABWOR	42,853	37,450	33,598	33,787	30,439	-9.9%	-29.0%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB granted)	50,603	54,182	46,417	52,389	49,092	-6.3%	-3.0%
Summary criminal legal aid (court granted)	30	22	13	15	9	-40.0%	-70.0%
Total summary criminal and ABWOR	93,486	91,654	80,028	86,191	79,540	-7.7%	-14.9%
Solemn criminal legal aid	11,739	12,347	11,229	12,013	12,159	1.2%	3.6%
Automatic legal aid	1,173	1,400	1,506	1,638	1,590	-2.9%	35.5%
Appeals	1,762	1,689	1,483	1,365	1,275	-6.6%	-27.6%
Duty solicitor appearances (including PDSO)	18,272	15,298	12,257	13,784	13,664	-0.9%	-25.2%
<b>Total criminal legal assistance</b>	<b>153,977</b>	<b>153,978</b>	<b>136,409</b>	<b>144,042</b>	<b>134,965</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	<b>-12.3%</b>
<b>Children's</b>							
Children's advice and assistance	4,601	4,548	4,782	4,911	5,207	6.0%	13.2%
Children's ABWOR	-	-	-	1,662	3,546	113.4%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	4,601	4,548	4,782	6,573	8,753	33.2%	90.2%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	4,710	4,934	5,006	3,581	2,956	-17.5%	-37.2%
<b>Total children's legal assistance</b>	<b>9,311</b>	<b>9,482</b>	<b>9,788</b>	<b>10,154</b>	<b>11,709</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
<b>Contempt of court</b>							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	196	141	151	153	123	-19.6%	-37.2%
Contempt of court legal aid	1,008	933	1,193	1,082	1,300	20.1%	29.0%
<b>Total contempt of court legal assistance</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>
<b>Total grants of legal assistance</b>	<b>271,989</b>	<b>262,744</b>	<b>246,162</b>	<b>246,284</b>	<b>230,359</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>-15.3%</b>

1.3 Total payments for administration and legal aid (£000)	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Percent change on	
						2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Administration spend</b>							
Staff costs	9,754	9,540	9,434	9,712	9,202	-5.3%	-5.7%
Running costs	2,929	2,702	2,469	2,458	2,630	7.0%	-10.2%
Capital	487	219	116	143	593	314.7%	21.8%
<b>Total administration spend</b>	<b>13,170</b>	<b>12,461</b>	<b>12,019</b>	<b>12,313</b>	<b>12,425</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>
<b>Legal aid fund expenditure</b>							
Legal Aid Fund (gross expenditure)	173,237	173,189	164,565	165,006	151,206	-8.4%	-12.7%
Legal assistance income received	(11,669)	(15,244)	(14,188)	(14,307)	(12,397)	-13.3%	6.2%
Audit restitution	(176)	(294)	(133)	(211)	(208)	-1.6%	18.1%
<b>Total net legal aid expenditure</b>	<b>161,391</b>	<b>157,651</b>	<b>150,244</b>	<b>150,488</b>	<b>138,601</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>-14.1%</b>
<b>Total administration and legal aid</b>	<b>174,561</b>	<b>170,112</b>	<b>162,263</b>	<b>162,801</b>	<b>151,026</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	<b>-13.5%</b>

**Note**

1. Legal assistance income received for 2014-2015 has been corrected and now includes Money Advice Service funding.

1.4 Number of cases paid to solicitors	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Percent change on	
						2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Civil legal assistance</b>							
Civil advice and assistance	77,448	70,614	64,910	64,464	54,681	-15.2%	-29.4%
Civil ABWOR	3,526	3,413	4,824	5,326	5,188	-2.6%	47.1%
Civil legal aid	14,241	14,866	13,820	14,174	13,981	-1.4%	-1.8%
<b>Total civil legal assistance</b>	<b>95,215</b>	<b>88,893</b>	<b>83,554</b>	<b>83,964</b>	<b>73,850</b>	<b>-12.0%</b>	<b>-22.4%</b>
<b>Criminal legal assistance</b>							
Criminal advice and assistance	17,623	17,188	16,495	16,330	13,672	-16.3%	-22.4%
Criminal ABWOR	40,291	34,854	33,176	33,037	28,901	-12.5%	-28.3%
Summary criminal legal aid	54,042	52,480	48,355	47,850	48,902	2.2%	-9.5%
Solemn criminal legal aid	11,636	11,338	11,109	11,210	10,607	-5.4%	-8.8%
Court grants	-	593	1,038	1,202	1,236	2.8%	-
Appeals	1,996	1,817	1,571	1,648	1,401	-15.0%	-29.8%
Duty (non-PDSO appearances)	17,104	12,546	9,833	11,251	11,061	-1.7%	-35.3%
<b>Total criminal legal assistance</b>	<b>142,692</b>	<b>130,816</b>	<b>121,577</b>	<b>122,528</b>	<b>115,780</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>-18.9%</b>
<b>Children's legal assistance</b>							
Children's advice and assistance	4,046	3,658	3,837	4,128	4,283	3.8%	5.9%
Children's ABWOR	-	-	-	398	2,381	498.2%	-
Children's legal aid	4,007	4,184	4,419	4,058	3,003	-26.0%	-25.1%
<b>Total children's legal assistance</b>	<b>8,053</b>	<b>7,842</b>	<b>8,256</b>	<b>8,584</b>	<b>9,667</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
<b>Contempt of court legal assistance</b>							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	148	92	105	105	84	-20.0%	-43.2%
Contempt of court legal aid	760	813	913	1,007	941	-6.6%	23.8%
<b>Total contempt of court legal assistance</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
<b>Total legal assistance</b>	<b>246,868</b>	<b>228,456</b>	<b>214,405</b>	<b>216,188</b>	<b>200,322</b>	<b>-7.3%</b>	<b>-18.9%</b>

**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 (£000)

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Percent change on	
						2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Civil legal assistance</b>							
Civil advice and assistance	17,735	17,052	16,022	15,936	13,570	-14.8%	-23.5%
Civil ABWOR	4,300	3,831	4,877	5,069	4,812	-5.1%	11.9%
Total civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	22,035	20,883	20,899	21,005	18,382	-12.5%	-16.6%
Civil legal aid gross expenditure	38,834	45,589	38,882	37,514	34,156	-9.0%	-12.0%
Civil legal aid income received	(11,655)	(15,231)	(11,980)	(11,941)	(10,020)	-16.1%	-14.0%
Civil legal aid (net cost)	27,179	30,358	26,902	25,573	24,136	-5.6%	-11.2%
CLAO gross expenditure	1,107	1,060	1,214	1,193	1,348	13.0%	21.8%
CLAO income received	(4)	(6)	(7)	(1)	(11)	1195.8%	184.6%
CLAO (net cost)	1,103	1,054	1,207	1,192	1,337	12.2%	21.2%
Total civil assistance gross expenditure	61,976	67,531	60,995	59,712	53,886	-9.8%	-13.1%
Civil audit restitution	(0)	(68)	(0)	(0)	(0)	-	-
<b>Total net civil legal assistance</b>	<b>50,317</b>	<b>52,227</b>	<b>49,007</b>	<b>47,770</b>	<b>43,855</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>	<b>-12.8%</b>
<b>Grant funding</b>							
Grant funded expenditure	1,773	1,702	2,197	5,494	6,329	15.2%	257.0%
Money Advice Service funding received	0	0	(2,197)	(2,350)	(2,350)	0.0%	-
<b>Total net grant funded expenditure</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>3,979</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124.4%</b>
<b>Criminal legal assistance</b>							
Criminal advice and assistance	977	1,034	1,111	1,256	1,033	-17.8%	5.6%
Criminal ABWOR	20,116	17,621	15,827	15,721	13,548	-13.8%	-32.7%
Total criminal advice and assistance and ABWOR	21,094	18,655	16,937	16,977	14,580	-14.1%	-30.9%
Summary criminal legal aid	35,309	33,179	29,543	29,001	29,155	0.5%	-17.4%
Solemn criminal legal aid	40,812	39,164	41,672	41,686	35,423	-15.0%	-13.2%
Total court grants	-	116	220	254	243	-4.5%	-
Total appeals	4,160	4,161	3,167	2,700	2,235	-17.2%	-46.3%
Criminal legal assistance income received	(10)	(7)	(3)	(13)	(6)	-52.2%	-38.5%
Criminal legal aid (net cost)	80,270	76,613	74,600	73,628	67,049	-8.9%	-16.5%
Duty	1,312	1,120	897	987	970	-1.7%	-26.1%
Public Defence Solicitors' Office (PDSO)	1,509	1,846	1,941	1,985	2,025	2.0%	34.2%
Police Station Duty Scheme Contact Line	-	494	607	683	578	-15.4%	-
Glasgow Court Advisers	-	-	-	-	53	-	-
Criminal audit restitution	(176)	(226)	(133)	(211)	(208)	-1.6%	18.1%
<b>Total net criminal legal assistance</b>	<b>104,008</b>	<b>98,502</b>	<b>94,849</b>	<b>94,048</b>	<b>85,048</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>

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## 1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000) (continued)

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Percent change on	
						2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Children's legal assistance</b>							
Children's advice and assistance	449	413	503	606	603	-0.4%	34.4%
Children's ABWOR	-	-	-	114	947	732.1%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	449	413	503	719	1,550	115.4%	245.4%
Children's legal aid	4,581	4,497	4,913	4,168	3,684	-11.6%	-19.6%
Children's legal aid income received	-	-	-	(2)	(10)	526.5%	-
Children's legal aid (net cost)	4,581	4,497	4,913	4,166	3,674	-11.8%	-19.8%
<b>Total net children's legal assistance</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>5,417</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>5,224</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Contempt of court legal assistance</b>							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	23	13	13	16	16	-0.6%	-31.4%
Contempt of court legal aid	197	234	246	272	212	-22.3%	7.4%
<b>Total contempt of court legal assistance</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>-21.1%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Extraordinary interest payment to Advocates	0	0	519	104	(48)	-146.2%	-
Miscellaneous payments	44	64	192	248	316	27.4%	618.2%
Legal Aid Fund (gross expenditure)	173,237	173,189	164,565	165,006	151,206	-8.4%	-12.7%
<b>Total cost of legal assistance to the taxpayer</b>	<b>161,391</b>	<b>157,651</b>	<b>150,244</b>	<b>150,488</b>	<b>138,601</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>-14.1%</b>

**Notes**

1. The recovery of incorrectly claimed monies is shown in 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 A&A contributions and money repaid by solicitors and assisted persons.
4. Before 2011-2012 court grants were included within solemn criminal legal aid.
5. Prior to 2014-15 Glasgow Court Advisers were funded by Grant-in-Aid.

## 1.6 Average case cost (£)

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Percent change on	
						2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Civil legal assistance</b>							
Advice and assistance	229	241	247	247	248	0.4%	8.4%
ABWOR	1,220	1,123	1,011	952	927	-2.6%	-24.0%
Civil legal aid	2,727	3,067	2,813	2,647	2,443	-7.7%	-10.4%
<b>Criminal legal assistance</b>							
Advice and assistance	55	60	67	77	76	-1.8%	36.2%
ABWOR	499	506	477	476	469	-1.5%	-6.1%
Summary criminal legal aid	653	632	611	606	596	-1.6%	-8.7%
Solemn criminal legal aid (excluding appeals)	3,507	3,454	3,751	3,719	3,340	-10.2%	-4.8%
Court grants	-	195	212	212	197	-7.1%	-
Appeals	2,084	2,290	2,016	1,638	1,596	-2.6%	-23.4%
<b>Children's legal assistance</b>							
Advice and assistance	111	113	131	147	141	-4.0%	27.0%
ABWOR	-	-	-	286	398	39.1%	-
Children's legal aid	1,143	1,075	1,112	1,027	1,227	19.5%	7.3%
<b>Contempt of court legal assistance</b>							
Advice and assistance	156	142	126	152	189	24.3%	20.9%
Contempt of court legal aid	259	287	270	270	225	-16.9%	-13.3%

**Note**

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



## 1.7 Payments made (£000)

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Percent change on	
						2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Civil legal assistance</b>							
Advocates	6,305	10,166	6,229	5,099	3,928	-23.0%	-37.7%
Solicitor advocates	86	39	7	1	24	2795.2%	-71.7%
Solicitors	40,538	42,510	39,831	40,016	36,335	-9.2%	-10.4%
Outlays	13,940	13,755	13,713	13,403	12,251	-8.6%	-12.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,869</b>	<b>66,470</b>	<b>59,781</b>	<b>58,519</b>	<b>52,538</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>	<b>-13.7%</b>
<b>Criminal legal assistance</b>							
Advocates	11,063	10,854	11,410	9,030	7,689	-14.8%	-30.5%
Solicitor advocates	3,255	3,854	4,477	4,298	3,015	-29.9%	-7.4%
Solicitors	81,034	75,167	69,866	71,662	65,710	-8.3%	-18.9%
Outlays	6,021	5,400	5,788	5,628	5,223	-7.2%	-13.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,374</b>	<b>95,275</b>	<b>91,541</b>	<b>90,618</b>	<b>81,636</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>	<b>-19.5%</b>
<b>Children's legal assistance</b>							
Advocates	934	576	676	324	277	-14.5%	-70.3%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	3,700	3,928	4,342	4,149	4,527	9.1%	22.4%
Outlays	396	405	399	414	430	3.7%	8.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>5,417</b>	<b>4,887</b>	<b>5,234</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>Contempt of court legal assistance</b>							
Advocates	10	6	15	4	5	12.8%	-54.8%
Solicitor advocates	10	9	7	5	4	-25.8%	-60.0%
Solicitors	196	227	232	272	214	-21.2%	9.2%
Outlays	4	7	6	7	5	-34.5%	19.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>-21.1%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

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## 1.7 Payments made (£000) (continued)

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Percent change on	
						2013-2014	2010-2011
<b>Duty solicitor appearances</b>							
Advocates	0	0	1	1	1	177.9%	482.9%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	1,281	1,095	875	963	945	-1.9%	-26.2%
Outlays	31	24	21	23	24	2.8%	-24.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>-26.1%</b>
<b>Total legal assistance</b>							
Advocates	18,312	21,603	18,330	14,458	11,900	-17.7%	-35.0%
Solicitor advocates	3,352	3,901	4,491	4,305	3,043	-29.3%	-9.2%
Solicitors	126,748	122,924	115,146	117,062	107,731	-8.0%	-15.0%
Outlays	20,392	19,594	19,927	19,475	17,931	-7.9%	-12.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,804</b>	<b>168,024</b>	<b>157,895</b>	<b>155,299</b>	<b>140,605</b>	<b>-9.5%</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>

**Notes**

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