

FOI RESPONSE ISSUED - 25 MAY 2022

REQUEST

“As I cannot locate the following information publicly via your website or via the Scottish Government website, I require to make said request via the above.

- A break down for each of the years listed below of the number of Summary Legal Aid Grants for Sheriff Court Cases & the number of Summary Legal Aid Grants for Justice of the Peace Courts. I am aware that this data is collected via the application system.*
- The average fee paid to Solicitors for the Summary Legal Aid in Sheriff Court in the same period as listed below.*
- The Average fee paid to Solicitors for the Summary Legal Aid in Justice of the Peace Courts in the same period as listed below.*

Years Requested -

I would be grateful if the data could be provided in a year-by-year format, whereby the data is not available for any of the years can you please indicate this but proceed to provide the data where it is available

*2008 - 2009
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2020 - 2021”*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE 2002 ACT

For summary procedure cases in the Sheriff and JP courts, there are two different types of legal aid. Summary Criminal Legal aid covers cases where a Not Guilty plea has been tendered. Assistance by Way of Representation (ABWOR) covers summary cases which plead guilty or where the case is continued without plea. It was confirmed to SLAB on 6 May 2022 that you wanted both types broken down by type.

We can now provide you with the following information

	Summary Legal Aid				Summary Complaint ABWOR			
	Grants Sheriff	Grants JP	Avg Fee Sheriff	Avg Fee JP	Grants Sheriff	Grants JP	Avg Fee Sheriff	Avg Fee JP
2008 - 2009	51,283	7,736	£666	£395	22,585	4,799	n/a	n/a
2009 - 2010	47,644	8,166	£649	£389	26,320	6,607	n/a	n/a
2010 - 2011	43,406	7,197	£658	£390	24,306	5,488	n/a	n/a
2011 - 2012	43,699	7,173	£634	£380	21,109	4,009	n/a	n/a
2012 - 2013	37,651	6,207	£619	£364	18,449	3,478	£589	£190
2013 - 2014	42,490	7,319	£614	£362	18,839	3,542	£577	£193
2014 - 2015	39,406	7,470	£607	£362	16,872	3,009	£568	£185
2015 - 2016	40,532	7,912	£598	£361	15,804	2,708	£564	£179
2016 - 2017	40,467	7,294	£601	£358	16,120	2,806	£563	£177
2017 - 2018	37,288	6,531	£603	£358	14,604	2,469	£568	£183
2018 - 2019	33,989	6,134	£610	£360	14,417	2,279	£567	£192
2019 - 2020	36,268	4,838	£619	£367	15,338	1,838	£578	£198
2020 - 2021	31,308	2,634	£609	£369	13,909	1,003	£560	£191

Please note that the Average Solicitors Fees also include VAT. We are unable to supply figures for average fees split by court type prior to 20212-13 for the Summary Complaint ABWOR cases. This is because the court type wasn't recorded on our systems for those payments before then.