

FOI RESPONSE ISSUED - 6 MAY 2022

## REQUEST

*“A break down for each of the years listed below of the Number of people granted Criminal Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance, via slab, whereby the AA was in relation to a Direct Measure/Alternative to Prosecution. I am aware that this data is collected via the application system.*

*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  
2009 - 2010  
2010 - 2011  
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2015 - 2016  
2016 - 2017  
2017 - 2018  
2018 - 2019  
2019 - 2020  
2020 - 2021”*

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE 2002 ACT

*The table below provides details of the numbers of grants of Criminal Advice and Assistance sent to us by solicitors covering legal advice given to clients in cases where we were advised that a Direct Measure (DM) had been served. There are no grants of Criminal legal aid for these cases, as applications for Criminal legal aid can only be made for cases which are being prosecuted in court. Our data on the Advice and Assistance cases is only available from 2009/10 onwards, and I hope that this is sufficient for your purposes.*

| <i>Year Received</i> | <i>Case Count</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>2009-10</b>       | <b>1,293</b>      |
| <b>2010-11</b>       | <b>1,063</b>      |
| <b>2011-12</b>       | <b>868</b>        |
| <b>2012-13</b>       | <b>848</b>        |
| <b>2013-14</b>       | <b>719</b>        |
| <b>2014-15</b>       | <b>503</b>        |
| <b>2015-16</b>       | <b>448</b>        |
| <b>2016-17</b>       | <b>367</b>        |
| <b>2017-18</b>       | <b>351</b>        |
| <b>2018-19</b>       | <b>272</b>        |
| <b>2019-20</b>       | <b>246</b>        |
| <b>2020-21</b>       | <b>287</b>        |
| <b>2021-22</b>       | <b>171</b>        |