

FOI RESPONSE ISSUED - 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

REQUEST

HMA v Natalie McGarry- former SNP MP

Could you please advise - as obliged to do under Freedom of Information legislation:-

1. Did the above accused person receive Legal Aid for the first prosecution against her, in which she pled guilty?
2. Did she receive legal Aid for the second prosecution, in which she went to trial?
3. Is she receiving Legal Aid for the appeal she has lodged with the High Court?
4. Given that she was in receipt of an MP's salary, what further enquiry did the Board make into her circumstances?
5. How much expenditure has been made to date by SLAB in the McGarry cases

OUR RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE 2002 ACT

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. In line with our usual assessment procedures we received evidence of Ms McGarry's resources, which satisfied us that she qualified for legal aid.
5. At the time of writing, the total value of the sums paid from the Legal Aid Fund is £104,284.20.