

FOI RESPONSE ISSUED - 9 December 2022

REQUEST

The total spend, broken down by financial or calendar year, on external legal advice since April 1, 2020. (I.e. 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 to date)

1a) Please break this down by the list of associated cases or disputes, and their individual cost.

1b) If possible, please provide the final settlement or damages or other court mandated payment cost for any cases during which external legal advice was sought. If it is not possible to link each case to a settlement agreement, please provide the total cost of the settlements or payments.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE 2002 ACT

We can confirm that we hold information within the specification you have given us and that we are able to disclose some of that information.

Some information within your specification is not being disclosed. This information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of section 36(2) of FOISA. We are applying this exemption because the information in question is confidential and may not be disclosed without constituting an actionable breach of confidence.

The information we disclose is as follows.

1. Appeal to the Sheriff Appeal Court against a sheriff court decision

See [here](#). The case outcome did not require any payment to the opponent by SLAB.

Paid external legal costs

20/21 £32,527.39

21/22 £1,260.00

Total £33,787.39

2. Judicial review of Auditor's decision in Inner House

See [here](#). This resulted in a payment of £2,012.50 plus VAT in the case.

Paid external legal costs

20/21 £3,000.00

3. Court of Session Judicial Review (which did not proceed)

The case outcome does not involve any payment to the opponent by SLAB.

Paid external legal costs

20/21 £900.00

4. Court of Session Judicial Review of decision to refuse legal aid -
Current

Paid external legal costs

22/23 £960.00

5. Court of Session Judicial Review of decision to refuse legal aid-
Outer house, Appeal to Inner House, Appeal to UK Supreme Court
(ongoing)

See [here](#) and [here](#). The case outcome does not involve any payment to the opponent by SLAB.

Paid external legal costs

20/21 £8,160.00

21/22 £13,320.00

22/23 £1,440.00

Total £22,920.00

This information then summarised by overall yearly totals is as follows:

20/21 £44,587.39

21/22 £14,580.00

22/23 £2,400.00

Total £61,567.39