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REQUEST

I am doing an academic research on Civil Legal Aid. I was hoping you could help me find the following information;

1. What % of your population are entitled to legal aid
2. How to you target/ help hard to reach groups
3. How much was your expenditure on civil legal aid
4. How are you (if) trying to achieve access to justice

OUR RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE 2002 ACT

We can certainly assist and point you in the direction of the information you are looking for.

For example, expenditure on Civil Legal Aid can be found in our annual reports. These can be viewed on our website [here](#).

There is also a useful briefing provided by the Scottish Parliament Information Centre, which may also assist.

<https://archive2021.parliament.scot/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB11-58.pdf>

You ask about more national policy related issues such as access to justice and targeting hard to reach groups. These should perhaps be directed to the Scottish Government's Justice Department as they are responsible for national policy setting in relation to legal aid.

That said, we suggest you look at the grant funding programme we administer and also our network of Civil Legal Assistance Offices at the links below:

<https://www.slab.org.uk/advice-agencies/grant-funding-programmes/>

<https://www.clao.org.uk/>

