

FOI RESPONSE ISSUED - 22 JANUARY 2024

REQUEST

“ .. Figures for both 2006/07 and for the most recent year for which you have collated information in relation to each of the following:-

- a) The average fee per case in relation to Criminal Summary Legal Aid;
- b) The average fee per case in relation to Criminal Solemn Legal Aid;
- c) The number of solicitors in Scotland registered to provide Criminal Legal Aid.”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE 2002 ACT

The information we have recorded is shown in the table below. I have collated figures for the 2023 calendar year as the most recent year. All the fee figures are for solicitor fees only, and are inclusive of VAT.

	2006/07	2023
Criminal summary avg fee	£621	£744
Criminal solemn avg fee	£1,822	£2,150
Number of solicitors registered as at period end*	1,459	966

* The period end for 2006/07 was 31st March 2007 and for 2023 it was 31st December 2023.