

## FOI RESPONSE ISSUED - 11 December 2023

### REQUEST

- In respect of decision makers who determine civil legal aid applications including decisions which relate to special urgency (SU4), civil sanction applications and the merits of a legal aid application (CivSol) how many decision makers are presently employed by SLAB who actively make decisions on these types of applications?
- All of the number of decision makers that SLAB employ, how many of the decision makers are legally qualified (meaning that they have an LLB law degree and a Diploma in Legal Practice)?
- Of those who are legally qualified (with an LLB and a Diploma in Legal Practice) how many of those decision makers have conducted in excess of 20 civil proofs to conclusion in their career without the assistance of Counsel?

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

In response to part one of your request, we have 12 paralegals (including our assistant manager) and seven staff solicitors, including the Head of Civil and Children's Legal Assistance, who take decisions on applications.

With regard to the second part of your request, the seven staff solicitors are legally qualified with full practising certificates.

With regard to third part of your request I regret that SLAB does not record or hold the information you have requested.

We have treated this as a request for information made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, but now view the final aspect of the request as closed because we do not hold the relevant information.