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Dear **REDACTED**

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank-you for your email received on 9 June.

You asked the following 5 questions:

1. How many boundary dispute cases have come before the Scottish Court system in total over the past 5 years?
2. Out of those cases just how many were defended by part litigants?
3. How many were lost and how many were won by party litigants.
4. If the 3 defenders offered Legal Aid won their cases, or if they lost their cases?
5. Which firms of Solicitors acted for the 3 Defendants over the last 5 years under Legal Aid?

With regards to questions 1, 2 and 3:

I regret that SLAB does not hold the information that you have requested. SLAB only holds information on legally-aided cases - we do not hold information on all the boundary dispute cases that the Scottish court system deals with

The Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service (SCTS) or the Lands Tribunal for Scotland may be able to help you more. The Lands Tribunal has an online record of previous decisions. This can be found here: [Previous decisions \[Decisions: The Lands Tribunal for Scotland\] \(landstribunal-scotland.org.uk\)](https://www.landstribunal-scotland.org.uk)

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

With regards to question 4 I confirm that SLAB does hold information on this matter. However, we consider that we are exempt from disclosing the information because the following exemption applies:

Section 26 (a) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - disclosure of the information is prohibited under an enactment.

We consider that this exemption applies because the information requested constitutes personal information created for the purposes of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986. Section 34 of this Act prevents Board employees from disclosing this information without the consent of the applicant/person who supplied the information.

With regards to question 5 I confirm that SLAB does hold information on this matter.

The firms of solicitors that have acted for the legally assisted persons are:

- Drummond Miller LLP, Bearsden
- E Thornton & Co Solicitors, Oban
- Trainer Alston Solicitors, Coatbridge

I hope this information is of assistance to you, we now consider this request closed.

Included below are details about your right to request a review of this decision.

Yours sincerely,

**REDACTED**

Manager of Analytics

## Your right to request a review of decision

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for information, you may ask us to review our decision. A request that we review our decision should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter or, if we have not responded to your request, within 40 days of the date by which we should have responded (that would normally be 20 days after receiving your request).

We will review our decision and tell you the outcome within 20 working days of receiving your request.

If, having done so, you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision.

You must submit your request in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of first receiving notice about the matter you are complaining about.

The Commissioner will not deal with an application unless SLAB's review process has been used and exhausted - in other words, until you have asked us to review our decision and you are not satisfied with our response or have not received a response within 20 working days of your request.

The Commissioner's contact details are:

The Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
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Telephone: 01334 464610

Website [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)

E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

Your appeal can also be dealt with online. The Commissioner has an online appeal service which is available 24/7 and offers requesters real time help and advice about their appeal. This can be accessed at:

[www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

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