

8. The Public Defence Solicitors' Office (PDSO) and the Civil Legal Assistance Office (CLAO)

8.1 PDSO Expenditure

| | 2010-2011 | 2009-2010 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Criminal defence costs - outlays | 149 | 182 |
| Salaries and wages | 943 | 899 |
| Social security costs | 79 | 72 |
| Pensions | 132 | 63 |
| Accommodation | 51 | 103 |
| Audit fees | 2 | 2 |
| Rentals under operating leases | 85 | 74 |
| Depreciation | 5 | 8 |
| Revaluation/permanent diminution in value of fixed assets | - | - |
| Other operating costs | 195 | 233 |
| Total | 1,641 | 1,636 |

Note

1. This table shows the expenditure of PDSO on an accounting basis. The funding figure is included in table 1.5

8.2 PDSO Costs and volumes

| | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| PDSO costs (£000) | 793 | 864 | 1321 | 1,456 | 1,583 | 1,509 |
| Total number of cases | 1,743 | 1,491 | 1,907 | 1,701 | 1,938 | 1,812 |
| Number of solemn cases | 89 | 77 | 75 | 79 | 131 | 141 |
| Number of appearances by PDSO as duty solicitor | 1,060 | 597 | 1,548 | 1,051 | 1,215 | 1,168 |

Note

1. PDSO expenditure is shown as actual funding, not on an accounting basis as at table 8.1.

8.3 CLAO Expenditure

| | 2010-2011 | 2009-2010 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Civil defence costs - outlays | 76 | 85 |
| Salaries and wages | 715 | 620 |
| Social security costs | 55 | 45 |
| Pensions | 116 | 28 |
| Accommodation | 83 | 78 |
| Audit fees | 2 | 1 |
| Rentals under operating leases | 67 | 33 |
| Depreciation | 2 | 2 |
| Revaluation/permanent diminution in value of fixed assets | - | - |
| Other operating costs | 107 | 148 |
| Total | 1,223 | 1,040 |

Note

1. This table shows the expenditure of CLAO on an accounting basis. The funding figure is included in table 1.5

8.4 CLAO Costs and volumes

| | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CLAO costs (£000) | - | - | 265 | 389 | 1016 | 1107 |
| Intimations of civil advice and assistance | - | - | 98 | 235 | 283 | 382 |
| Civil ABWOR | - | - | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Intimations of children's advice and assistance | - | - | 12 | 44 | 42 | 45 |
| Civil legal aid cases (applications to the Board) | - | - | 34 | 108 | 166 | 193 |
| Total number of cases | - | - | 144 | 389 | 493 | 628 |

Note

1. CLAO expenditure is shown as actual funding, not on an accounting basis as at table 8.3.

8.5 CLAO Key figures on service delivery

| | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Contacts | - | - | - | - | 1,232 | 2,045 |
| New cases accepted | - | - | - | - | 228 | 475 |
| Referrals to other sources of assistance | - | - | - | - | 563 | 909 |
| Requests for advice from advisers in other agencies | - | - | - | - | 295 | 519 |

Note

1. New offices were opened during 2009-2010. Figures included for the period are for part of the year only.

Throughout this statistics section

- figures for grants and refusals of applications do not necessarily equal numbers of applications, since decisions on applications received towards the end of one year may not be reached until the following year.
- unless otherwise stated, figures for accounts paid include VAT and are prepared on a cash basis and include all accounts passed for payment during the year.
- in tables showing accounts paid, unless otherwise stated, outlays include all payments other than fees paid to solicitors and advocates - for example, expert witnesses.