Justice Committee

Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill

Second supplementary written submission from the Scottish Legal Aid Board

Clerk’s note: this information was provided in response to a request from SPIce in the following terms:

“I’d be grateful if you could let me know the value of payments which fall to be collected by solicitors for summary criminal ABWOR – ie. the amount which would be assessed as payable from the client to the solicitor and therefore deducted from the final payment made by SLAB. The figures for the past 3 years would be useful. I’d be particularly keen to have the figure for 2011/12 if this is available.”

SLAB replied as follows:

Firstly, I’d just like to confirm that the Bill applies to all proceedings in which criminal ABWOR is used, not just guilty pleas. There will be a couple of very minor exemptions to ABWOR that will be included in the regulations.

Below I’ve given the ‘Total – All ABWOR’ figure and also broken it down by the two broad ABWOR types. However, if the Committee is looking at the Bill as a whole, it would appear to me that the appropriate figure is the Total ABWOR figure.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

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