

CIVIL JUSTICE DATA

Purpose

1. To provide members with an update on the civil data being published by SCTS.

Background

2. At the Council's strategy day on 31 March 2025, members discussed the need for good quality data to inform decision making.
3. The Access to Justice Committee has since reviewed a range of data to inform policy on modes of attendance and the use of civil online. It has been particularly helpful to have the SCTS Management information & Analysis Team attend the committee meetings. Subsequently, new reports have and continue to be developed which provide greater insight into the civil business in Scotland's courts.

New civil report

4. Members are invited to review the [new civil report statistics](#) available on the SCTS website. The information provides:
 - Data since 2019/20 civil cases initiated and disposed in Scotland's courts and broken down into categories (e.g. Damages, Debt, eviction, family, personal injury etc);
 - A breakdown of cases in the Court of Sessions and sheriff courts;
 - A breakdown on personal injury case types;
 - A breakdown of Commissary business;
 - A breakdown on appeals;
 - Details on represented / unrepresented actions in the sheriff court and the All Scotland Sheriff Personal Injury Court; and
 - Average weeks from case initiation to disposal for various types of civil business.
5. Further data fields are being developed and will be added over the next few months.

Recommendation

6. Members are invited to note this update and that an expanded version will be shared ahead of the next SCJC strategy day.

SCJC Secretariat

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