

## **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 a 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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