

PE1372/I

Scottish Legal Aid Board

In your earlier submission you state—

“Regulation 15 of the Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 2002 requires the Board to consider whether there are other parties with a joint and common interest in any potential proceedings and if there are, whether they should defray the expenses that would have been made from the Fund had legal aid been granted. In environmental cases there is a greater likelihood of there being individuals/parties with a joint or common interest. The Board has granted two such applications. No other applications granted have been identified.”

Were these two cases environmental cases? *The two cases referred to were applications that were concerned with environmental issues.*

How many applications, under Regulation 15, have been refused? *Using regulation 15 as the basis for refusal there have been three applications refused since 2009.*

How many of these were environmental cases? *All three concerned environmental issues.*

Has the Scottish Legal Aid Board given advice to the Scottish Government in the impact of Regulation 15 on environmental legal aid applications? *Not specifically.*