

Indicators of major areas of work

	2012	2013	2014
Number of pieces of legal advice given by the Department of Justice, with breakdown by Divisions as follows –	48 215	48 946	52 208
• Civil Division	14 735	15 204	15 284
• International Law Division	10 333	11 428	12 062
• Law Drafting Division	7 931	6 326	6 816
• Legal Policy Division	4 662	4 681	5 150
• Prosecutions Division	10 554	11 307	12 896
Number of commercial tenders, consultancy briefs, contracts, licences and franchises drafted/vetted by Civil Division	645	590	699
Number of cases in which arbitration or mediation was attempted	17	30	32
Number of pages of bills and subsidiary legislation gazetted	8 762	6 042	7 740
Number of bills and subsidiary legislation introduced into LegCo, for which the Department of Justice has policy responsibility	1	1	2
Number of criminal cases prosecuted (including cases* and appeals at all levels of court)	174 619	174 824	174 132
Number of death inquests	45	69	20
Number of current civil litigation cases (including number of judicial reviews)	30 325 (557)	32 901 (618)	34 590 (673)
Number of international agreements initialled	2	4	1
Number of new requests dealt with in various categories of mutual legal assistance	364	397	434
Number of legal training seminars arranged by the Department of Justice for other government departments	3 419	4 029	4 649

* Cases include Court of First Instance indictments, District Court charge sheets, applications for review under section 104 of the Magistrates Ordinance, Cap 227, caseload of Court Prosecutors and High Court bail applications.