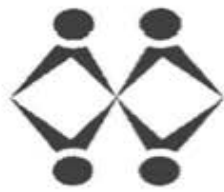


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**SECTION 32 REPORT 2015/16: LEGAL AID SOUTH AFRICA  
PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 2 OF 2000**

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REPORTING PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2015 TO 31 MARCH 2016			
NO	Items	Total Number	Comments
1	(a) number of PAIA requests received	2	<p>First Request during the current reporting circle was contained in the letter dated 4 May 2015 from Adv. Brink. This request sought two documents, namely, Legal Aid South Africa's section 32 report for 2014 submitted to SAHRC and CEO's approved leave application from office during April 2015.</p> <p>The second request received over the current reporting period was also from Adv. A.R Brink. This request was addressed to the Information Officer of Department of Justice and Correctional Services on 27 November 2015 and referred to Information Officer of Legal Aid South Africa on 3 December 2015 in terms of section 20 of the Act. Five records were sought namely, approved budgets for 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15 financial years.</p>

2	(b) number of requests granted in full	2	All the records were granted to Adv. Brink in full.
3	(c) number of requests granted despite there being a ground of refusal, but granted in the public interest	0	None
4.	(d) number of requests: (i) refused in full or	0	None
	(ii) refused partially	0	Not applicable for the current reporting cycle.
	(iii) number of times a provision of PAIA was relied on to refuse a request in full/partially	0	Not applicable for current reporting cycle.
5	(e) number of instances where the 30 day period to deal with a request was extended	0	No requests for extension was sought in respect of the two requests submitted during the reporting circle.
6	(f) number of internal appeals: (i) lodged with the relevant authority	0	Not applicable since Legal Aid SA is a category-(b) public body, as defined by section 1 of PAIA, it has no internal appeal procedure available to aggrieved record requesters

	(ii) number of cases where requests were granted as a result of an internal appeal	0	Not applicable
7	(g) number of internal appeals lodged on account of a deemed refusal	0	Not applicable
8	(h) number of applications to court on the grounds that an internal appeal was dismissed by the relevant authority failing to give notice of its decision during the timeframes stated in section 77 (3)	0	Not applicable
9.	(i) Other matters as may be prescribed		In the previous reporting circle, Advocate Brink requested records from Information Officer and Deputy Information Officers which were not granted as they either relate to the litigation proceedings under case 529/11 which has since been finalised and further that Adv. Brink refused to pay the search fees in terms of section 22 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000. These requests became the subject of the review applications in the Eshowe Magistrate Court under case numbers 257/14; 258/14; 259/15 1005/15; and

		<p>1432/15. It should be noted that, without admission of liability or any concession of legal argument advanced by the requester, Legal Aid South Africa had now agreed with Adv. Brink as part of settlement to provide records or information requested as set out in a revised consolidated list of 138( hundred and thirty eight) requests which will be provided to him on 15 April 2016. It is further important to note that records or information searched and not located or otherwise do not exist, an affidavit in terms of section 23 of the Act will be deposed and given to the requester.</p>
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