

## Case Processing Financial Year 2015/2016

| Statistics on Case Processing<br>April to September 2015-16 |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Reports Received <sup>(1)</sup></b>                      |                |
| Criminal Reports                                            | 119,355        |
| Death Reports                                               | 4,495          |
| <b>Total Reports Received</b>                               | <b>123,850</b> |
| <b>Non-Court Disposals</b>                                  |                |
| No Action                                                   | 14,247         |
| Warning Letters                                             | 7,770          |
| Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalties Paid                  | 5,601          |
| Fiscal Fines Paid/Accepted                                  | 17,591         |
| Compensation Orders Accepted                                | 242            |
| Combined Fiscal Fines/Compensation Orders Accepted          | 1,129          |
| Other Non-Court disposals                                   | 5,391          |
| <b>Total Non-Court Disposals</b>                            | <b>51,971</b>  |
| <b>No Further Action <sup>(2)</sup></b>                     |                |
| <b>Total No Further Action</b>                              | <b>12,744</b>  |
| <b>Court Disposals</b>                                      |                |
| JP Court:                                                   |                |
| Pleas <sup>(3)</sup>                                        | 15,438         |
| Trials <sup>(4)</sup>                                       | 901            |
| <b>Total JP Court Disposals</b>                             | <b>16,339</b>  |
| Sheriff Summary <sup>(5)</sup>                              |                |
| Pleas <sup>(3)</sup>                                        | 23,542         |
| Trials <sup>(4)</sup>                                       | 2,928          |
| <b>Total Sheriff Summary Disposals</b>                      | <b>26,470</b>  |
| Sheriff and Jury:                                           |                |
| Pleas <sup>(3)</sup>                                        | 2,286          |
| Trials <sup>(4)</sup>                                       | 578            |
| <b>Total Sheriff and Jury Disposals</b>                     | <b>2,864</b>   |
| High Court:                                                 |                |
| Pleas <sup>(3)</sup>                                        | 109            |
| Trials <sup>(4)</sup>                                       | 151            |
| <b>Total High Court Disposals</b>                           | <b>260</b>     |
| <b>Total Court Disposals</b>                                | <b>45,933</b>  |
| <b>Total Disposals <sup>(6)</sup></b>                       | <b>110,648</b> |

## **Information Notes:-**

- (1) COPFS receives reports about crimes from the police and other reporting agencies and then decides what action to take, including whether to prosecute someone. We also look into deaths that need further explanation and investigate allegations of criminal conduct against police officers.
- (2) No Further Action = Cases which were closed after proceedings had been commenced or attempted (e.g. cases which were closed because the accused died, the accused could not be traced, a key witness was not available, etc.)
- (3) Pleas = Cases which were disposed of at court without any evidence being led.
- (4) Trials = Cases where some or all of the evidence was led.
- (5) Sheriff Summary cases include cases dealt with in the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court in Glasgow.
- (6) Total disposals will not equal total criminal cases received as some cases against the same accused will be linked and taken forward as one case. There is also a time lag between receipt of a case and final disposal so that, for example, some cases received in 2014-2015 will not have resulted in a disposal until 2015-2016.