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1. INTRODUCTION

This bulletin presents a series of crime justice and security (CJS) statistics for the period 2011 to Q4 2015. The data used in the compilation are from the following CJS sources: Police Department, Employment Department, Judiciary, Employment Tribunal, Family Tribunal, Probation Services and Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC). However, the period of reporting varies as can be seen in the respective tables.

A: POLICE

Information from the Seychelles Police relates to the number of police cases by crime category. These are namely "Police Generated cases" which result from police surveillance and "Reactive cases" the latter of which relates to the police responding to public calls for help.

B: JUDICIARY

From the Seychelles Judiciary, the data is from the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and Magistrates Court. Numbers relate to cases disaggregated by type of cases received, by court type and number of criminal cases completed.

C: EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

The Employment Department deals with workers grievances through the "Mediation" and "Prosecution & Enforcement" mechanisms. The

department handles grievances through mediation which is the starting point for all grievances. If a case is not settled through the mediation process it is pushed to the Prosecution & Enforcement Unit and individuals who fail to settle their cases are given certificates to register their cases with the Employment Tribunal within 30 days. The reported include numbers of cases received and handled by both the Mediation and Prosecution & Enforcement sections. They also include numbers of people involved by sex.

D: TRIBUNALS

Tribunal cases refer to the number of cases received by the Employment Tribunal and Family Tribunal. The latter provides information on cases which relate to the number of Children Act cases and Family Violence cases.

E: PROBATION

The Probation Services data includes number of clients referred by Court, Family Tribunal, Non-Court¹ referrals, as well as cases considered as 'Other referrals' which consists among others, of cases relating to 'homelessness' and 'drug addicts'.

¹Non-Court referrals constitute cases where applicants refer themselves (or cases) to the Probation Department of their own free will.

F: SRC

Cases at SRC begin from the time companies or sole traders lodge their returns at SRC. The audit section then raises an assessment based on the return and sends out reminders for tax payments. If a company or sole trader fails to make payment, the case is

referred to *Enforcement*, and from there it goes to the *Recovery* unit. Recovery procedures include field work, interviews and sending out *Final Notices*. If there is still no payment, the case goes to prosecution, and if negotiation fails, a *Notice of Intention to Prosecute* is issued and thereafter the case moves to court.

2. TABLES AND CHARTS

A. POLICE

Table 1: Recorded crime cases by crime category (2011-2015)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
POLICE GENERATED CASES					
Public Order Offences	602	1,094	617	1,585	616
Offences relating to the administration of justice	51	206	150	134	83
Drugs	1,059	1,112	630	599	343
Firearms, ammunition and explosives	37	75	39	32	39
Environment and Fisheries	5	18	34	34	20
Other crimes Not Elsewhere Classified	3	14	9	10	79
<u>R.T.A[1]</u>	-	864	8,798	13,913	11,059
TOTAL	1,757	3,383	10,277	16,307	12,239
REACTIVE CASES					
Murder, Manslaughter and Infanticide	16	4	18	16	7
Serious Offences	170	148	128	119	118
Robberies	203	171	90	95	89
Sexual Offences	111	147	146	105	136
Offences Against Person	1,243	1,266	1,131	1,036	869
Burglaries	1,775	1,933	1,469	1,802	1,446
Theft	1,895	2,055	1,699	1,912	1,595
Arson and Criminal Damage	714	494	405	402	346
Fraud	158	172	195	148	185
Offences under Statutory Laws/Acts	-	-	10	15	11
Public Order Offences	-	147	148	107	94
Offences relating to the administration of justice	-	51	48	51	54
Environment and Fisheries	-	9	5	6	7
Other crimes Not Elsewhere Classified	-	135	76	89	78
R.T.A. (1)	-	42	43	41	69
TOTAL	6,285	6,774	5,611	5,944	5,104
ENQUIRIES					
Enquiries	-	11	12	11	21
TOTAL	-	11	12	11	21
GRAND TOTAL	8,042	10,168	15,900	22,262	17,364

Source: Seychelles Police

Note (1) R.T.A. refers to Road Traffic Accidents

Note (2): Figures have been revised for 2013-2014

B. JUDICIARY

Table 2: Cases Received by Court Case and Court Type (2011- 2015)

Court type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Magistrates Court					
Civil cases	346	201	394	332	249
Criminal cases	957	1,163	911	823	1,146
Rent Board	64	56	47	50	74
Juvenile court	25	39	40	18	30
Traffic Cases	124	180	194	123	1,952
Anti Social Behaviour Order	n.a	n.a	1	1	1
Application for further holding of suspect	n.a	n.a	177	203	278
Total Magistrates Court	1,516	1,639	1,764	1,550	3,730
Supreme Court					
Civil cases	243	169	119	126	112
Divorce cases	171	207	152	189	173
Exparte cases	202	194	163	190	200
Constitutional cases	19	5	13	11	8
Commercial cases	n.a	30	37	46	71
Miscellaneous causes	n.a	-	78	107	110
Commandments	n.a	-	74		-
Criminal cases	27	70	41	81	103
Civil Appeal cases	25	67	83	52	34
Criminal Appeal cases	28	74	103	71	44
Total Supreme Court	715	816	863	873	855
Court of Appeal					
Court of Appeal - Criminal (Including substantive and interlocutory cases)	19	23	43	54	32
Court of Appeal - Civil (Including substantive and interlocutory cases)	62	45	59	66	44
Court of Appeal - Constitutional (Including substantive and interlocutory cases)	62	45	59	12	3
Total Court of Appeal	143	113	161	132	79
All courts	2,374	2,568	2,788	2,555	4,664

Source: Seychelles Judiciary

Note: n/a refers to statistics which was not compiled by NBS in the specified year

Table 3: Number of cases with completed judgment by criminal courts (2011- 2015)

Court type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Magistrates Court - Criminal	1,329	1,621	1,355	1,177	1,612
Supreme Court - Criminal	49	69	95	59	80
Supreme Court Criminal Appeal/Revision cases	14	44	62	74	60
Court of Appeal	21	11	28	37	43
TOTAL	1,413	1,745	1,540	1,347	1,795

Source: Seychelles Judiciary

Table 4: Total number of cases dealt with by the court (2011- 2015)

Supreme Court

Status of Cases	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
New cases received	662	802	719	873	855
Cases completed	940	735	825	732	765
Cases outstanding	1,131	1,198	1,069	1,357	1,328

Source: Seychelles Judiciary

Table 5: Total number of cases dealt with by the court (2011- 2015)

Magistrates Courts

Status of Cases	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
New cases received	1,520	1,583	1,717	1,546	1,071
Cases completed	1,592	1,817	1,768	1,563	733
Cases outstanding	1,287	1,053	961	1,085	2,737

Source: Seychelles Judiciary

C. EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

Table 6: Number of applicants by type of complaint for mediation (2015)

Area of grievance	2015						
	Total		Adult		Youth		Company
	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Adjustment of salary as per minimum wage	10	14	8	13	2	1	-
Annual leave	13	9	10	9	3	-	-
Outstanding balance salary	1	6	1	6	-	-	-
Unpaid salary	5	20	5	17	-	3	-
Allowances / Bonus	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
Days off	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Public Holidays	5	5	5	4	-	1	-
Unauthorized deduction	1	6	1	6	-	-	-
Overtime	5	6	3	6	2	-	-
Maternity leave	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Warning	13	9	13	8	-	1	-
Notice	8	5	7	4	1	1	20
Compensation for length of service	4	11	4	10	-	1	-
Unjustified termination by employer	107	130	93	117	14	13	-
Certificate of Employment	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total	175	224	153	203	22	21	20

Source: Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development

Table 7: Number of mediation cases dealt with (2015/Oct-Dec)

Status of cases	October	November	December
Cases pending from previous months	48	48	37
New cases registered during the current month	31	20	36
Cases reinstated during the current month	-	-	-
Registered cases withdrawn before mediation ⁽¹⁾	3	1	1
Old cases mediated	3	6	3
Number of reinstated cases mediated	-	-	-
New case mediated	28	26	41
Total number of cases mediated:	31	32	44
Settled	7	2	4
Withdrawn ⁽²⁾	3	8	-
No settlement reached and certificate issued	17	18	17
Dismissed	-	2	1
Total Number of cases Disposed of	27	30	22
Number of cases pending scheduling or re-scheduling ⁽³⁾	49	37	50

Source: Mediation Unit, Industrial Relations Section, Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development

Note (1): These refer to grievances which were withdrawn before the mediation process started

Note (2): These refer to grievances which were withdrawn during mediation

Note (3): Pending cases include cases scheduled for a particular month but that have not been worked on, as opposed to all cases yet to be dealt with

Table 8: Number of criminal cases dealt with by the Prosecution & Enforcement Unit (2015/Oct-Dec)

Status of cases	October	November	December
All cases	27	25	23
Cases carried forward from previous month	26	25	23
New prosecution cases received	1	0	0
Cases completed (Total settled for Magistrate's court)	2	2	1
Number of prosecution cases dealt with (Mentioned or Heard)	16	7	6
Number of prosecution cases reactivated	-	-	-
Number of ongoing prosecution cases	25	23	22

Source: Prosecution & Enforcement Unit, Industrial Relations Section, Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development

Table 9: Grievances by Industry (2015/Q4)

Industry Type	2015/Q4						
	Grievance cases based on reasons other than termination and redundancy			Grievance cases based on termination on grounds of misconduct			TOTAL
	M	F	Company	M	F	Company	
Transport & Storage	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hotels & Restaurant	4	4	1	14	9	-	32
Other services	4	6	1	1	8	-	20
Trade, Commerce & Repairs	2	1	-	1	3	-	7
Administrative & Support Service Activities ⁽¹⁾	1	2	-	2	3	-	8
Minining & Quarrying	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Construction	4	-	-	3	1	-	8
Education	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Health & Social Work	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities	3	-	-	3	2	-	8
TOTAL	19	14	2	25	27	-	87
Grand Total	35			52			

Source: Prosecution & Enforcement Unit, Industrial Relations Section, Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development

Note (1) Category of 'Administrative & Support Service Activities' was previously named as 'Transport and Tourism'. The change of name took effect in October 2015

D. TRIBUNALS

Table 10: Number of cases received by Employment Tribunal (2011- 2015)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Type of cases					
Civil	179	253	234	207	158
Criminal	1	12	15	26	11
Judgment by consent	4	11	8	25	13
Total	184	276	257	258	182

Source: Employment Tribunal

Table 11: Number of cases completed (Judgments reached) by Employment Tribunal (2011- 2015)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Type of cases					
Civil	215	242	164	66	188
Criminal	26	6	1	1	13
Judgment by consent	4	11	3	1	3
Total	245	259	168	68	204

Source: Employment Tribunal

Table 12: Total number of cases dealt with by Employment Tribunal (2011- 2015)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
All cases	363	424	428	459	405
New cases received	184	276	257	258	182
Cases completed	215	253	168	68	204
Cases outstanding	148	171	260	450	391

Source: Employment Tribunal

Table 13(a): Children Act cases (2011- 2015)

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Registered Applications	565	623	538	517	540
Applications not put before the Tribunal	146	215	230	230	238
Cases-Cause Listed, of which:	4,436	4,886	5,404	5,239	5,525
New	497	542	494	520	529
Repeat	3,939	4,344	4,910	4,719	4,996

Source: Family Tribunal

Table 13(b) Children Act Cases-Order of the Tribunal (2011- 2015)

Orders of the Tribunal	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Access order granted:	201	181	153	129	121
Father	153	148	126	99	102
Mother	48	33	27	30	19
Custody granted:	367	306	270	287	293
Father	50	40	33	35	27
Mother	317	266	237	252	266
Maintenance order granted:	291	337	398	324	275
Father	271	300	338	274	252
Mother	20	37	60	50	23
D.S.S	-	-	-	-	-
Number of children involved:	337	388	422	403	340
Boy	179	186	217	231	180
Girl	158	202	205	172	160
Care order granted	20	26	2	7	6
No. of cases (Attachment Earnings) ⁽¹⁾	n/a	n/a	213	185	154
Attachment Earnings (Amount in SCR)	n/a	n/a	179,150	162,510	138,875
Warrant of arrest issued	n/a	n/a	363	206	197
Warrant of arrest executed	n/a	n/a	283	164	166
Fresh summons	n/a	n/a	538	438	532
Social report	n/a	n/a	160	207	200
Jail Sentence	n/a	n/a	9	5	1
Blood Test	n/a	n/a	24	24	32
Care D.S.S	88	98	103	186	258

Source: Family Tribunal

Note (1): Attachment Earnings refer to child maintenance contribution deducted from the depositor's salary.

Note (2): n/a refers to statistics which was not compiled by NBS in the specified year

Table 14(a): Family Violence Cases (2011- 2015)

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Registered Applications	589	670	617	594	633
Applications Not Put Before The Tribunal	364	495	625	730	843
Cases-Cause Listed:	1,494	1,702	1,626	1,320	1,388
New	429	539	487	492	520
Repeated Cases	1,065	1,163	1,139	828	868

Source: Family Tribunal

Table 14(b): Family Violence cases-Orders of the Tribunal (2011- 2015)

Orders of Tribunal	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Protection	297	163	135	136	116
Referral to Other Agencies:					
Probation	140	74	123	69	66
Mont Royale, of which:	9	1	-	6	6
Male	9	1	-	6	6
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Eviction, of which:	92	64	85	55	95
Male	84	57	85	54	92
Female	8	7	-	1	3
Prison sentence for breach, of which:	34	10	13	8	27
Male	32	10	13	8	27
Female	2	-	-	-	-

Source: Family Tribunal

E. PROBATION

Table 15: Total number of persons on probation by sex and type of referral, and number of cases dealt with by the Probation (2015)

TYPE OF REFERRAL	TOTAL 2015				
	Applicants				
	Total Persons Involved (Respondents + Applicants)	Adult		Total New Cases	Total Follow-Up Cases
		M	F		
COURT REFERRALS, OF WHICH:					
(1) PSIR	16	11	5	16	1
(2) Probationer	1	-	1	1	103
(3) Breach of Peace	89	16	27	34	-
(4) Reconciliation	4	-	2	2	-
TOTAL COURT REFERRALS	110	27	35	53	104
FAMILY TRIBUNAL REFERRALS, OF WHICH:					
(1) Family Conflict	55	8	19	23	1
(2) Domestic Conflict	78	12	30	39	3
(3) Juvenile Review Cases	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FAMILY TRIBUNAL REFERRALS:	133	20	49	62	4
NON COURT REFERRALS, OF WHICH:					
(1) Family Conflict	362	40	134	160	237
(2) Domestic Conflict	260	55	101	130	221
(3) Breach of Peace	169	13	69	71	66
(4) Juvenile Review Cases	-	-	-	-	36
TOTAL NON COURT REFERRALS	791	108	304	361	560
OTHER REFERRALS, OF WHICH:					
(1) Pre-Release Interview with Prison Inmates	11	9	2	-	30
(2) Ex drug addicts	1	1	-	1	24
(3) Homeless	30	28	2	30	99
(4) Others self	3	4	1	3	11
(5) President's Office, Minister's Office, PS's Office, Pardon Committee	25	14	9	22	27
TOTAL OTHER REFERRALS	70	56	14	56	191
GRAND TOTAL	1,104	211	402	532	859

Source: Probation Services

Note(1): Total follow-up refers to the number of times cases were put before the court.

Note(2): There were no youth applicants this year.

F. SEYCHELLES REVENUE COMMISSION

Table 16(a): Seychelles Revenue Commission: Civil Cases (2015/Q4)

2015/Q4			
	Civil Cases		
Status of cases	Sole Trader		Company
	M	F	
Mentions	6	8	2
Hearings	-	-	-
Exparte Hearings	-	-	-
Hearing Short Cause	-	-	-
Judgement	-	-	-
Settlement	1	1	-
Withdrawn	-	-	-

Source: SRC

Table 16(b): Number of cases dealt with by the Seychelles Revenue Commission (2015/Q4)

Description	2015/Q4
Cases from previous quarter	10
New Cases	1
Cases solved	2
Total Cases as at end of March ⁽¹⁾	9

Source: SRC

Note (1): Total cases refers to cases from previous quarter plus new cases, and subtract cases solved

3. CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

The Crime Justice and Security Statistics comprise of administrative data from the following stakeholders: *Police Department, Employment Department, Judiciary, Employment Tribunal, Family Tribunal, Probation Services and the Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)*. Departments compile and submit reports to NBS on a monthly basis.

Computerization of data capture processes has been emphasized for ease of compilation and to improve on the quality of data. Over 50% of the stakeholders have computerized data capture and others are still using manual registers.

The NBS takes into account the number of criminal cases registered and cases handled to conclusion by the different stakeholders.

In its endeavour to strengthen and assist in the development of the NSS, the NBS is supporting and encouraging departments to produce age and sex disaggregated data.

4. NEXT RELEASE

The next Crime, Justice and Security Statistics bulletin will be released on 31st May 2016.

5. CONTACT US

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