

Attendance Record:

Hire Purchase	26 cases
Pensions	28 "
Wage Disputes	50 "
Social Benefits	26 "
Marital problems i.e. divorce, certificates etc.,	26 "
Housing	54 "
Unemployment Insurance	46 "
Accident claims	34 "
Reference books	40 "
Miscellaneous	30 "
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During 1975 the Advice Office opened twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. The cases dropped away at the end of the year and we had a shortage of helpers. This year we are opening once a week on a Thursday.

The majority of our cases are in connection with the shortage of housing. We have found that peoples chances are jeopardised if we send letters to their black councillors. They are advised to pester their councillors and get as much publicity as possible as to their plight.

Wage disputes are frequent. We find after just explaining a wage slip, solves the problem. Or a sympathetic listener is all people need.

We are certainly seeing more hire purchase cases. The furniture firms are becoming aware of the Advice Office, and we hope they will be more careful about signing up people for far more than they are capable of repaying. We must give credit to our lawyers for their help in these cases.

We write many letters to obtain marriage, birth and death certificates. We fill in many forms and send people to the right officials.

Sheena Duncans visit in January was successful. We valued her experienced counsel.