

# **Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service High Court Statistics (Provisional Statistics) January to March 2010**

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Figures published today by the NI Courts and Tribunals Service in the quarterly High Court Bulletin outline the High court business received and dealt with from the quarter January to March 2010.

## **During the quarter;**

- There were 625 sitting days
- There were 1,693 case received into the Chancery division.
- There were 2,074 writs received into Queen's Bench.
- There were 15 applications for judicial review.
- There were 39 adoption application disposed of.
- There were 763 divorce petitions lodged

Ends

## **Note for Editors**

During Jan - Mar

### **Chancery**

There were 1,693 cases received into the Chancery division. In total, 56% were chancery cases, 35% were bankruptcy cases and 9% were companies' cases. There were 1,791 cases disposed of during the reporting period.

## **Queen's Bench**

There were 2,074 writs received in Queen's Bench (Fig 1). Of those, 59% were negligence cases. There were 201 default judgments, 414 office disposals and 512 court disposals for writs during the quarter. There were 176 removals and remittals applications dealt with.

Negligence	1215
Breach	40
Road Injuries	307
Personal Injuries	110
Monies Due	362
Other	40

## **Judicial Reviews**

There were 46 applications for leave to apply for Judicial Review and 15 applications for Judicial Review received during the quarter.

## **Probate**

There were 1,478 grants issued during the quarter in the probate office.

## **Wardship and Adoption**

There were 26 adoption applications received and 39 adoption applications disposed of during the quarter. It took, on average, 43 weeks for an adoption application to progress through the courts.

## **Matrimonial**

There were 763 divorce petitions lodged in the High Court. Of these, 489 petitions were lodged by the wife. In total, 306 decrees nisi and 317 absolutes were issued.

## **Patients**

There were 176 new referrals in the Patients section.

## **Official Solicitors**

There were 546 certificates drafted in the Official Solicitors office.

## Sitting days and times

There were 625 sitting days in the High Court during the quarter (Fig 2).

<b>Children Order</b>	58
<b>Other Family</b>	37
<b>Appeals</b>	4
<b>Queen's Bench</b>	118
<b>Chancery</b>	48
<b>Bails</b>	97
<b>Crown</b>	159
<b>Judicial Reviews</b>	54
<b>Criminal Appeals</b>	25
<b>Civil Appeals</b>	25
<b>Total</b>	625

## Important Notices:

High Court figures on Children's Order cases, Crown Court cases, bail applications and appeals appear in other bulletins.

In the tables relating to time intervals, the total time from issue to disposal may not equal that of the individual time periods due to some dates not being applicable.

Figures are run from an administrative database and may change due to late returns and further validations.

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