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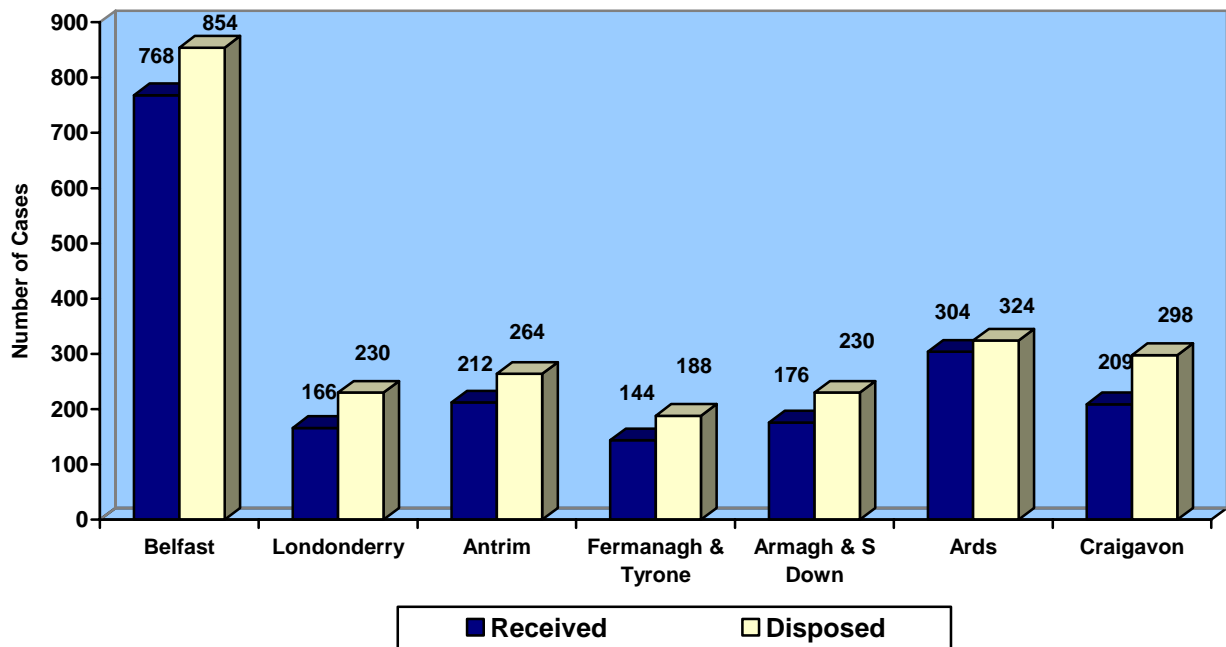
County court figures on Children Order cases, magistrates' appeals and county court appeals appear in other bulletins.

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Summary

- There were 1,979 civil bills with a notice of intention to defend (NID) received during the quarter of April to June 2010. A total of 3,215 civil bills were disposed of during the quarter, of which 1,587 civil bills were disposed of in court.
- During the same period there were 45 equity cases received and 75 cases dealt with.
- There were 224 ejectment cases received and 193 ejectment cases disposed of during the reporting period.
- There were 3,367 small claims received and 3,534 disposed of during the period, of which 816 were disposed of in court and 1,834 were default judgments.
- In total, 535 decrees nisi were granted during the quarter, with 50% of these giving a reason of '2 years with consent'. There were 375 decrees absolute granted in the county court.
- There were 1,116 sitting days during the quarter, with 54% of time having been spent on criminal business.

Number of Civil Bills with NID's received and dealt with (excluding the Civil Processing Centre)



Civil Bills

Table 1: Number of ordinary civil bill cases and applications received

Case	Antrim	208
	Ards	334
	Armagh and South Down	169
	Belfast	2519
	Craigavon	208
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	168
	Londonderry	173
	Total	3779
Application	Antrim	97
	Ards	211
	Armagh and South Down	125
	Belfast	792
	Craigavon	141
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	82
	Londonderry	114
	Total	1562

Table 2: Number of ordinary civil bill cases with notice of intention to defend (NID) received by judicial level

	County court judge	District judge	Total
Antrim	141	71	212
Ards	206	98	304
Armagh and South Down	105	71	176
Belfast	549	219	768
Craigavon	136	73	209
Fermanagh and Tyrone	105	39	144
Londonderry	98	68	166
Total	1340	639	1979

Table 3: Number of ordinary civil bills cases and applications disposed

		Court result - CCJ	Court result - DJ	Non court disposals	Default judgement	Office disposal	Total
Case	Antrim	104	64	80	3	13	264
	Ards	126	73	91	2	32	324
	Armagh and South Down	101	44	75		10	230
	Belfast	360	202	220	20	52	854
	Civil Processing Centre			50	753	24	827
	Craigavon	127	87	65	5	14	298
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	43	83	39	6	17	188
	Londonderry	93	80	38	1	18	230
	Total	954	633	658	790	180	3215
Application	Antrim	39	12	16			67
	Ards	57	8	42			107
	Armagh and South Down	21	18	9			48
	Belfast	145	46	127			318
	Civil Processing Centre			5			5
	Craigavon	30	6	26			62
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	10	9	20			39
	Londonderry	64	27	10			101
	Total	366	126	255			747

Table 4: Number of ordinary civil bills cases by amount awarded

		No value	Less than £1000	£1000-2999	£3000-4999	Over £5000	Total
Case	Antrim	29	18	36	46	39	168
	Ards	38	23	58	51	29	199
	Armagh and South Down	29	17	38	33	28	145
	Belfast	189	42	134	110	87	562
	Craigavon	52	26	54	49	33	214
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	38	18	31	24	15	126
	Londonderry	49	19	45	31	29	173
	Total	424	163	396	344	260	1587

Excludes cases that were adjourned generally, default judgements or had office disposals

**Table 5: Outstanding civil bills with notice of intention to defend (NID)
but no certificate of readiness (COR)**

	County court judge	District judge	Total
Antrim	288	112	400
Ards	317	149	466
Armagh and South Down	192	86	278
Belfast	1058	389	1447
Craigavon	323	135	458
Fermanagh and Tyrone	317	94	411
Londonderry	179	127	306
Total	2674	1092	3766

Table 6: Outstanding civil bills with certificate of readiness (COR)

	County court judge	District judge	Total
Antrim	110	44	154
Ards	159	62	221
Armagh and South Down	87	32	119
Belfast	361	108	469
Craigavon	85	38	123
Fermanagh and Tyrone	116	57	173
Londonderry	49	46	95
Total	967	387	1354

Table 7: Time intervals in weeks for civil bill cases

		Issue to disposal
Case	Antrim	43
	Ards	37
	Armagh and South Down	52
	Belfast	45
	Craigavon	51
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	49
	Londonderry	46
	Total	46

Excludes default judgements and office disposals

Table 8: Time intervals in weeks for civil bill applications

		Issue to disposal
Application	Antrim	7
	Ards	9
	Armagh and South Down	9
	Belfast	6
	Craigavon	5
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	3
	Londonderry	18
	Total	9

Excludes default judgements and office disposals

Equity

Table 9: Equity cases and applications received

Case	Antrim	8
	Ards	5
	Armagh and South Down	8
	Belfast	13
	Craigavon	2
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	7
	Londonderry	2
	Total	45
Application	Antrim	5
	Ards	2
	Armagh and South Down	4
	Belfast	3
	Craigavon	2
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	6
	Londonderry	5
	Total	27

Table 10: Equity cases and applications disposed

		Court result - CCJ	Court result - DJ	Non court disposals	Total
Case	Antrim	9			9
	Ards	6	1		7
	Armagh and South Down	8	5	4	17
	Belfast	10			10
	Craigavon	6		2	8
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	11			11
	Londonderry	12		1	13
	Total	62	6	7	75
Application	Antrim	3		1	4
	Ards	2			2
	Armagh and South Down	3		1	4
	Belfast	1		1	2
	Craigavon	2			2
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	1		3	4
	Londonderry	4		2	6
	Total	16		8	24

Table 11: Outstanding equity cases

Case	Antrim	45
	Ards	52
	Armagh and South Down	46
	Belfast	98
	Craigavon	17
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	58
	Londonderry	24
Total		340

Table 12: Time intervals in weeks

		Issue to disposal
Case	Antrim	41
	Ards	62
	Armagh and South Down	93
	Belfast	50
	Craigavon	92
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	93
	Londonderry	64
	Total	71
Application	Antrim	8
	Ards	2
	Armagh and South Down	10
	Belfast	22
	Craigavon	116
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	0
	Londonderry	6
	Total	21

Ejectment

Table 13: Ejectment cases received

Case	Antrim	23
	Ards	56
	Armagh and South Down	5
	Belfast	101
	Craigavon	17
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	16
	Londonderry	6
	Total	224

Table 14: Ejectment cases disposed

		Court result - CCJ	Court result – DJ	Non court disposals	Total
Case	Antrim	1	21	1	23
	Ards	22	23	4	49
	Armagh and South Down	1	4		5
	Belfast		57	4	61
	Craigavon	26		2	28
	Fermanagh and Tyrone		15		15
	Londonderry	2	10		12
	Total	52	130	11	193

**Table 15: Outstanding ejectment cases with
notice of intention to defend (NID)**

Case	Antrim	2
	Ards	4
	Armagh and South Down	5
	Belfast	13
	Craigavon	3
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	4
	Londonderry	4
Total	35	

Table 16: Time intervals in weeks

		Issue to disposal
Case	Antrim	13
	Ards	14
	Armagh and South Down	22
	Belfast	18
	Craigavon	33
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	22
	Londonderry	58
	Total	21

Excludes default judgements, non-court disposals and office disposals

Small Claims

Table 17: Number of small claims cases and applications received

Case	Antrim	59
	Ards	53
	Armagh and South Down	35
	Belfast	3084
	Craigavon	49
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	47
	Londonderry	40
	Total	3367
Application	Antrim	6
	Ards	15
	Armagh and South Down	9
	Belfast	47
	Craigavon	15
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	10
	Londonderry	19
	Total	121

Table 18: Number of small claims cases with a notice of dispute (NOD) received

Case	Antrim	59
	Ards	61
	Armagh and South Down	29
	Belfast	190
	Craigavon	45
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	49
	Londonderry	52
Total	485	

Table 19: Number of small claims cases and applications disposed

		Court disposal	Non court disposal	Office disposal	Default judgement	Total
Case	Antrim	54	5	3		62
	Ards	149	2	49	3	203
	Armagh and South Down	90	5	4	2	101
	Belfast	233	2	773	1823	2831
	Craigavon	113	2	22	2	139
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	97		7	2	106
	Londonderry	80		10	2	92
	Total	816	16	868	1834	3534
Application	Antrim	2				2
	Ards	5	2			7
	Armagh and South Down	2				2
	Belfast	32	1			33
	Craigavon	9	1			10
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	4				4
	Londonderry	7	2			9
	Total	61	6			67

Table 20: Outstanding small claims with a notice of dispute (NOD)

Antrim	70
Ards	66
Armagh and South Down	40
Belfast	255
Craigavon	44
Fermanagh and Tyrone	95
Londonderry	66
Total	636

Table 21: Time intervals in weeks

		Issue to disposal
Case	Antrim	19
	Ards	79
	Armagh and South Down	81
	Belfast	52
	Craigavon	79
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	78
	Londonderry	61
	Total	65
Application	Antrim	4
	Ards	6
	Armagh and South Down	3
	Belfast	8
	Craigavon	6
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	4
	Londonderry	3
	Total	6

Excludes default judgements, non-court disposals and office disposals

Criminal Damage

Table 22: Number of criminal damage cases and applications received

Case	Ards	1
	Belfast	3
	Craigavon	1
	Londonderry	1
	Total	6
Application	Ards	2
	Belfast	1
	Craigavon	1
	Londonderry	1
	Total	5

Table 23: Number of criminal damage cases and applications disposed

		Court disposal	Non court disposal	Total
Case	Ards	3		3
	Belfast	6		6
	Total	9		9
Application	Ards	2		2
	Craigavon		1	1
	Londonderry	2		2
	Total	4	1	5

Table 24: Outstanding criminal damage cases

Ards	2
Armagh and South Down	6
Belfast	50
Craigavon	14
Fermanagh and Tyrone	4
Londonderry	8
Total	84

Table 25: Time intervals in weeks

		Issue to disposal
Case	Ards	363
	Belfast	122
	Total	202
Application	Ards	1
	Craigavon	0
	Londonderry	8
	Total	4

Excludes default judgements and office disposals

Divorces

Table 26: Divorce petitions by type of decrees Nisi

	2 years with consent	5 years separation	Adultery	Unreasonable behaviour	Combination of grounds/other	Total
Antrim	53	33	2	6	7	101
Ards	48	22	1	3	1	75
Armagh and South Down	27	10		3	4	44
Belfast	63	41		10	1	115
Craigavon	25	27	3	6	6	67
Fermanagh and Tyrone	16	18		7	2	43
Londonderry	34	38	1	11	6	90
Total	266	189	7	46	27	535

Table 27: Divorce petitions by number of absolutes issued

	2 years with consent	5 years separation	Adultery	Unreasonable behaviour	Combination of grounds/other	Total
Antrim	33	20	1	4	4	62
Ards	28	12	1	3		44
Armagh and South Down	19	14		5	1	39
Belfast	40	20		2	5	67
Craigavon	25	16	5	6	3	55
Fermanagh and Tyrone	15	17		9	3	44
Londonderry	22	25	2	6	9	64
Total	182	124	9	35	25	375

Table 28: Matrimonial applications received

	Ancillary relief	Matrimonial application to a master	Other	Total
Antrim	12		1	13
Ards	1	1	1	3
Armagh and South Down	5			5
Belfast	2		25	27
Craigavon	2			2
Fermanagh and Tyrone	7			7
Londonderry	16	3	2	21
Total	45	4	29	78

Table 29: Matrimonial applications disposed

	Ancillary relief	Matrimonial application to a master	Other	Total
Antrim	6		2	8
Ards	3		1	4
Armagh and South Down	6			6
Belfast	3			3
Craigavon	6		1	7
Fermanagh and Tyrone	13			13
Londonderry	8	1	3	12
Total	45	1	7	53

Table 30: Time intervals in weeks for divorce petitions

	Issue to date decree granted	Date decree granted to date absolute issued
Antrim	34	8
Ards	31	8
Armagh and South Down	37	8
Belfast	36	8
Craigavon	32	7
Fermanagh and Tyrone	41	8
Londonderry	35	8
Total	35	8

Table 31: Time intervals in weeks for divorce applications

	Issue to disposal
Antrim	48
Ards	31
Armagh and South Down	36
Belfast	22
Craigavon	38
Fermanagh and Tyrone	46
Londonderry	53
Total	43

Excludes non-court disposals

Licences

Table 32: Licences received and dealt with

	Licences Received	Licences Disposed
Antrim	3	3
Ards	8	10
Armagh and South Down	3	5
Belfast	35	28
Craigavon	8	7
Fermanagh and Tyrone	9	13
Londonderry	5	1
Total	71	67

Sitting Days

Table 33: County Court Sitting Days

	Total time			Total criminal time	Total civil time	Total family time
	Number of sitting days	Average sitting	Total time			
Antrim	148	03:12:45	475:27:13	318:35:00	134:17:13	22:35:00
Ards	115	02:19:16	266:57:24	101:09:24	157:03:00	08:45:00
Armagh and South Down	104	02:37:53	273:41:00	130:30:00	130:34:00	12:37:00
Belfast	366	03:28:08	1269:42:00	681:31:00	377:09:00	211:02:00
Craigavon	136	03:25:26	465:39:00	165:55:00	162:59:00	136:45:00
Fermanagh and Tyrone	123	02:58:01	364:57:24	253:43:24	86:55:00	24:19:00
Londonderry	124	03:07:33	387:38:00	230:11:00	115:59:00	41:28:00
Total	1116	03:08:23	3504:02:01	1881:34:48	1164:56:13	457:31:00

A court sitting day is counted as any day where the judiciary sit in court. It does not include time in chambers or days where the judiciary are sitting in chambers