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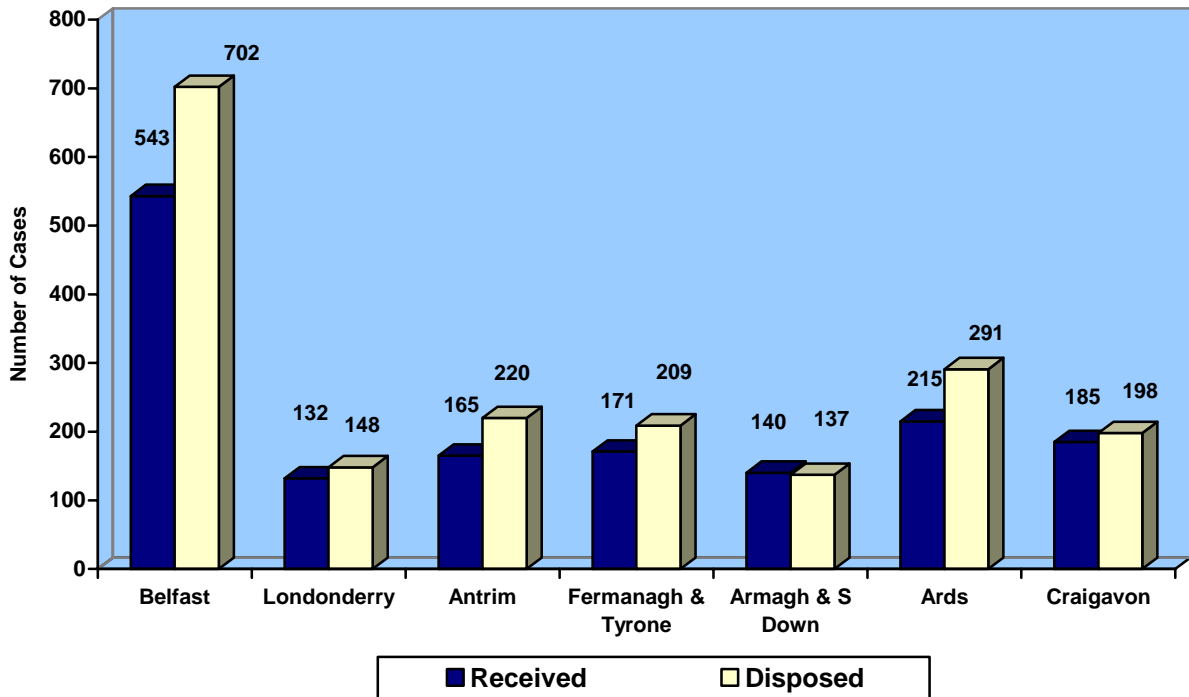
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Summary

- There were 1,551 civil bills with NID's received during the quarter, and 2,561 Civil Bills disposed of, with 1,336 civil bills disposed of in court and 1,225 disposed of in the office.
- During the period there were 79 Equity cases received and 43 cases dealt with.
- There were 318 ejectment cases received and 186 ejectment cases disposed of during the reporting period.
- There were 3,152 small claims received and 2,463 disposed of during the period, of which 378 were disposed of in court and 1,345 were default judgments.
- In total, 387 Decree Nisi's were granted during the quarter, with 55% of these giving a reason of '2 years with consent'. There were 488 decree absolutes granted in the county court with the highest percentage being granted in Belfast division (23%).
- There were 1,067 sitting days during the quarter with majority of time being spent on criminal business.

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



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Civil Bills

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

Case	Antrim	172
	Ards	228
	Armagh and South Down	142
	Belfast	2253
	Craigavon	197
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	206
	Londonderry	147
	Total	3345
Application	Antrim	131
	Ards	135
	Armagh and South Down	74
	Belfast	606
	Craigavon	99
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	66
	Londonderry	73
	Total	1184

Table 2: Number of ordinary civil bill cases with NIDs received by judicial level

	County court judge	District judge	Total
Antrim	113	52	165
Ards	170	45	215
Armagh and South Down	89	51	140
Belfast	355	188	543
Craigavon	127	58	185
Fermanagh and Tyrone	121	50	171
Londonderry	77	55	132
Total	1052	499	1551

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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	95	55	42	14	14	220
	Ards	107	107	48	11	18	291
	Armagh and South Down	38	37	24	16	22	137
	Belfast	366	164	112	15	45	702
	Civil Processing Centre			24	614	18	656
	Craigavon	67	65	39	10	17	198
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	96	43	27	22	21	209
	Londonderry	41	55	28	4	20	148
	Total	810	526	344	706	175	2561
Application	Antrim	28	15	18			61
	Ards	16	21	33			70
	Armagh and South Down	18	33	13			64
	Belfast	79	44	96			219
	Civil Processing Centre			5			5
	Craigavon	9	20	22			51
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	38	9	15			62
	Londonderry	15	10	11			36
	Total	203	152	213			568

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	34	7	50	31	28	150
	Ards	30	28	78	47	31	214
	Armagh and South Down	27	5	15	11	17	75
	Belfast	218	37	117	92	65	529
	Craigavon	34	11	31	31	26	133
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	38	7	31	33	30	139
	Londonderry	31	13	29	14	9	96
	Total	412	108	351	259	206	1336

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

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Table 5: Outstanding civil bills with NID but no COR

	County court judge	District judge	Total
Antrim	279	117	396
Ards	260	81	341
Armagh and South Down	199	73	272
Belfast	821	317	1138
Craigavon	282	117	399
Fermanagh and Tyrone	293	129	422
Londonderry	212	136	348
Total	2346	970	3316

Table 6: Outstanding civil bills with COR

	County court judge	District judge	Total
Antrim	126	46	172
Ards	125	57	182
Armagh and South Down	92	46	138
Belfast	317	101	418
Craigavon	86	52	138
Fermanagh and Tyrone	106	36	142
Londonderry	109	57	166
Total	961	395	1356

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Table 7: Time intervals in weeks for civil bill cases

		Issue to First Listing	First listing to disposal	Issue to disposal
Case	Antrim	34	9	43
	Ards	32	7	40
	Armagh and South Down	35	11	46
	Belfast	33	10	44
	Craigavon	36	12	48
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	44	8	52
	Londonderry	39	22	61
	Total	35	10	46

Excludes default judgements and office disposals

Table 8: Time intervals in weeks for civil bill applications

		Issue to First Listing	First listing to disposal	Issue to disposal
Application	Antrim	2	2	5
	Ards	3	3	6
	Armagh and South Down	5	6	12
	Belfast	2	2	4
	Craigavon	3	1	4
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	3	1	4
	Londonderry	2	1	3
	Total	3	3	6

Excludes default judgements and office disposals

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Table 11: Outstanding equity cases

Case	Antrim	49
	Ards	62
	Armagh and South Down	51
	Belfast	128
	Craigavon	31
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	64
	Londonderry	42
Total	427	

Table 12: Time intervals in weeks

		Issue to First Listing	First listing to disposal	Issue to disposal
Case	Antrim	19	10	29
	Ards	22	25	48
	Armagh and South Down	13	20	33
	Belfast	27	23	50
	Craigavon	10	18	28
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	86	34	120
	Londonderry	22	23	44
	Total	26	21	47
Application	Antrim	2	0	2
	Armagh and South Down	1	37	38
	Belfast	3	0	3
	Craigavon	2	6	8
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	1	0	1
	Londonderry	1	11	12
	Total	1	9	10

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Table 16: Time intervals in weeks

		Issue to First Listing	First listing to disposal	Issue to disposal
Case	Antrim	8	0	8
	Ards	14	0	14
	Armagh and South Down	88	3	91
	Belfast	11	2	13
	Craigavon	13	0	13
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	12	3	15
	Londonderry	13	3	15
	Total	12	1	13

Excludes default judgements, non-court disposals and office disposals

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Table 19: Number of small claims cases and applications disposed

		Court disposal	Non court disposal	Office disposal	Default judgement	Total
Case	Antrim	50	3	4	3	60
	Ards	46	2	74	6	128
	Armagh and South Down	41	.	1	1	43
	Belfast	129	9	611	1329	2078
	Craigavon	34	4	14	5	57
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	45	.	10	1	56
	Londonderry	33	5	3	.	41
	Total	378	23	717	1345	2463
Application	Antrim	2	.	.	.	2
	Ards	2	3	.	.	5
	Armagh and South Down	2	1	.	.	3
	Belfast	28	.	.	.	28
	Craigavon	6	2	.	.	8
	Fermanagh and Tyrone	7	.	.	.	7
	Londonderry	4	1	.	.	5
	Total	51	7	.	.	58

Table 20: Outstanding small claims with NOD

Antrim	111
Ards	177
Armagh and South Down	88
Belfast	251
Craigavon	106
Fermanagh and Tyrone	92
Londonderry	80
Total	905

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Criminal Damage

Table 22: Number of criminal damage cases and applications received

Case	Ards	1
	Armagh and South Down	3
	Belfast	23
	Craigavon	6
	Londonderry	4
	Total	37
Application	Craigavon	1
	Total	1

Table 23: Number of criminal damage cases and applications disposed

		Court disposal	Non court disposal	Total
Case	Belfast	5	.	5
	Total	5	.	5
Application	Craigavon	.	1	1
	Total	.	1	1

Table 24: Outstanding criminal damage cases

Antrim	3
Ards	4
Armagh and South Down	7
Belfast	99
Craigavon	22
Fermanagh and Tyrone	12
Londonderry	24
Total	171

Table 25: Time intervals in weeks

		Issue to First Listing	First listing to disposal	Issue to disposal
Case	Belfast	49	32	81
	Total	49	32	81
Application	Craigavon	.	.	1
	Total	.	.	1

Excludes default judgements and office disposals

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Table 29: Matrimonial applications disposed

	Ancillary relief	Matrimonial application to a master	Other	Total
Antrim	5	1	3	9
Ards	3	1	2	6
Armagh and South Down	6	.	.	6
Belfast	7	1	1	9
Craigavon	9	.	2	11
Fermanagh and Tyrone	7	.	1	8
Londonderry	9	1	1	11
Total	46	4	10	60

Table 30: Time intervals in weeks for divorce petitions

	Issue to first listing	First listing to date decree granted	Issue to date decree granted	Date decree granted to date absolute issued
Antrim	23	0	23	7
Ards	24	0	25	8
Armagh and South Down	27	1	28	8
Belfast	27	0	28	9
Craigavon	21	0	21	7
Fermanagh and Tyrone	40	1	41	9
Londonderry	39	0	39	9
Total	28	0	29	8

Table 31: Time intervals in weeks for divorce applications

	Issue to first listing	First listing to disposal	Issue to disposal
Antrim	4	29	33
Ards	6	21	27
Armagh and South Down	4	27	31
Belfast	5	6	12
Craigavon	7	16	22
Fermanagh and Tyrone	11	9	20
Londonderry	19	58	77
Total	9	25	34

Excludes non-court disposals

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Licences

Table 32: Licences received and disposed

	Licence applications received	Licence applications dealt with
Antrim	5	2
Ards	0	0
Armagh and South Down	8	8
Belfast	23	10
Craigavon	0	0
Fermanagh and Tyrone	2	7
Londonderry	8	6
Total	46	33

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