

FOI DOF/2024-0424

Request

Rates relief measures provided in the aftermath of flooding in Autumn 2023 which mainly affected the areas of Newry, Downpatrick and Portadown.

How many flooded properties received the 100% relief for non-domestic rates?

What is the total value of the non-domestic rates which should've been collected but were given relief due to flooding.

How many businesses who relocated to temporary premises whilst their flooded property is being repaired received the 100% rates relief on their new premises for 3 months?

What is the total value of this rates relief provided for their businesses temporarily relocating.

Please for each of the above questions breakdown in which area of Northern Ireland affected rate payers were impacted. e.g. by town/village or by council area.

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

Rate relief measures for Non-Domestic properties flooded in the Autumn of 2023, provided 100% rate relief during the period 1st November to 31st March 2024.

The table below shows the number of properties that received rate relief and the amount provided by council area as at 29th September 2024.

Council Area	No. of Properties	Amount of Relief
Ards and North Down	8	£23,257
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	33	£175,350
Lisburn and Castlereagh	1	£475
Mid Ulster	2	£3,665
Newry, Mourne and Down	209	£787,928
Total	253	£990,675

Departmental records show that five Non-Domestic ratepayers received a temporary relief from rates up to 31st March 2024 in respect of premises they occupied following the flooding in Autumn 2023. Details provided below.

Council Area	No. of Properties	Amount of Relief
Newry, Mourne and Down	5	£7,224