

## FOI DOF/2022-0407

**Request**

Broken down by council area, how many cases have LPS taken to court for non-payment of rates in the last five years.

**Response**

I can confirm the Department holds this information and is provided in the table below.

| District Council                         | 2017         | 2018         | 2019         | 2020        | 2021       |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Antrim and Newtownabbey                  | 137          | 137          | 116          | 1           | 44         |
| Ards and North Down                      | 192          | 161          | 128          |             |            |
| Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon     | 230          | 190          | 154          |             | 14         |
| Belfast                                  | 752          | 685          | 380          | 126         | 78         |
| Causeway Coast and Glens                 | 200          | 144          | 66           | 42          |            |
| Derry City and Strabane District Council | 250          | 185          | 124          |             |            |
| Fermanagh and Omagh                      | 153          | 118          | 138          |             |            |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh                  | 166          | 184          | 85           |             |            |
| Mid Ulster                               | 135          | 187          | 138          | 5           | 5          |
| Mid and East Antrim                      | 182          | 106          | 91           | 19          | 16         |
| Newry, Mourne and Down                   | 201          | 155          | 100          |             | 17         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>2,598</b> | <b>2,252</b> | <b>1,520</b> | <b>193*</b> | <b>174</b> |

\* cases relate to legal proceeding prior to first Covid 19 lockdown period.