

**Request:** Please see below questions in relation to NDR debt recovery and the enforcement options available once a liability order has been obtain:

- 1) Do you ever use alternative method of recovery through
  - a) a court of competent jurisdiction (Regulations 10(2) and 20(1) Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) Regulations 1989 S.I.1989/1058)? Between 2018/19 and 2023/24 a. If yes how many/% per year?
  - b) How many/% were successful?
  
- 2) Liability Orders
  - a) How many NDR debt Liability Orders have been applied for in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
  - b) How many Liability Orders have been granted per year for NDR debt in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
  
- 3) Enforcement Agents
  - a) How many NDR debts have been sent to Enforcement Agents in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
  - b) How much NDR debt was collected via Enforcement Agents in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
  
- 4) Security for Unpaid Rates Non-Domestic Rating
  - a) If used how many per year in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
  - b) What are the average costs to pursue this method?
  - c) How many of the debts subject to this method of recovery have been collected in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
  
- 5) Insolvency
  - a) If used how many in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
  - b) If used do you use an external company to undertake this work?
  - c) What was the average cost for undertaking each insolvency action?

**Response:**

Our normal method of recovery for NDR debts is to seek a Liability Order through the Magistrates Court however all appropriate recovery methods are subject to consideration based on the individual circumstances.

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The figures provided reflect the suspension on recovery due to Covid and the resumption process. The figures sent to enforcement agents for 22/23 reflect the resumption of action through enforcement agents and the way we had to resume action on cases that were with enforcement agents pre Covid.

These numbers may contain duplicate liability orders i.e. where a liability order is returned and further information allows us to refer the case again at a later date if attempts to contact the debtor/collect the monies due are unsuccessful.

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6) Commitment to Prison Inquiry into Means and Conduct

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- a) How many in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
- b) What % of these resulted in debt successfully recovered?

7) S49 Powers to reduce or remit liability

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- a) How many times has this been implemented in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?
- b) What was total sum/% of this 'relief' in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?