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## How many quarries (i) are currently; and (ii) have been subject to legal enforcement by local authorities under Environmental Protection **noise** pollution responsibilities in each of the last five...

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To ask the Minister of the Environment how many quarries (i) are currently; and (ii) have been subject to legal enforcement by local authorities under Environmental Protection noise pollution responsibilities in each of the last five years, broken down by council area. [AQW 33406/11-15]

**Answer:**

Individual District Councils are responsible for dealing with complaints about noise from premises including quarries under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act ( Northern Ireland) 2011.

Councils report noise complaints statistics to the Department annually under the following six categories: industrial; commercial and leisure; domestic; transport; noise in the street; and construction. The Department is not however able to disaggregate those complaints from quarries that lead to legal enforcement from the statistics provided.

The latest Noise Complaint Statistics report (2011/12) is available on the Department's website

<http://www.doeni.gov.uk/noise_complaints_statistics_report_2011_2012.pdf>