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| Answered on: Monday 20 October 2014**Mr P Frew (Democratic Unionist Party) (North Antrim)** : To ask the Minister of the Environment to detail (i) how many fixed penalties under section 8 of the Noise Act 1996 have been served by council officers since it came into operation, broken down by council; and (ii) the level of fixed penalty awarded each time. **Mr M Durkan (Social Democratic and Labour Party) (Minister of the Environment, Foyle)** :(i) When the Noise Act 1996 came into operation, district councils had discretion as to whether they would adopt the provisions of the Act. Belfast City Council was the only council who adopted it. Chapter 2 of of The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, which came into operation on 1 April 2012, amended the 1996 Act to remove the requirement for adoption thereby allowing councils the discretion to use the Noise Act powers as and when it was deemed appropriate. To date Belfast City Council is the only council which has issued fixed penalty notices under the provisions of the Noise Act 1996. Figures are only available from the 2003-04 year onwards when the Department started to gather information annually for its report on Noise Complaint Statistics for NI. The number of fixed penalty notices issued by Belfast City Council are as follow:- 2003-04       112004-05       16  2005-06         92006-07         62007-08         62008-09         82009-10         72010-11       142011-12         62012-13       23(ii) The Department does not hold information about the level of fixed penalty awarded each time. This information may be available from Belfast City Council, Environmental Health Department, Cecil Ward Building, 4-10 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BP.  |