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|  Answered on: Friday 31 October 2014Mr Paul Frew (DUP - North Antrim): To ask the Minister of the Environment to detail the number of occasions local councils have seized noise making equipment and applied for forfeiture under the Noise Act 1996, broken down by (a) year; and (b) council. Mark H Durkan: 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 Part 6 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (NI) 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. Section 10 of the 1996 Act provides powers of entry to enable district council officers to seize equipment.The Department has been collecting information about noise complaints from district councils since 2003-04 for its annual report on Noise Complaint Statistics for NI. As the years have passed, additional information has been requested for the publication. However, details of the seizure of equipment under the Noise Act 1996 have only been collected since 2012-13. Belfast City Council recorded no seizures that year. The Department does not hold information for previous years for equipment seizure or forfeiture.  |