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| **Answered on 6th November 2014** **Mr Phil Flanagan   (SF - Fermanagh and South Tyrone)** : To ask the Minister for Social Development, pursuant to AQW 29667/11-15, to detail for each individual council area the number of complaints and disputes received by their environmental health departments relating to the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 which (a) did not result in court action; and (b) did result in court action in the last five years; and for his assessment of this level of enforcement activity. [ AQW 37953/11-15 ] **John Spellar (Minister for Social Development)** :  The number of complaints and disputes received by each council’s environmental health departments relating to the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 which (a) did not result in court action; and (b) did result in court action in the last five years, are detailed in the table below.

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|   | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 |   |
| Council | Court action | No court action | Court action | No court action | Court action | No court action | Court action | No court action | Court Action | No court action | Overall Totals |
| ANTRIM BOROUGH | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| ARDS BOROUGH | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| ARMAGH CITY | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 54 |
| BALLYMENA BOROUGH | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 1 | 63 | 3 | 50 | 154 |
| BALLYMONEY BOROUGH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| BANBRIDGE DISTRICT | 1 | 5 | 1 | 42 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 8 | 100 |
| BELFAST CITY | 2 | 56 | 0 | 64 | 1 | 65 | 0 | 49 | 3 | 143 | 383 |
| CARRICKFERGUS BOROUGH | 0 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 41 |
| CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 36 | 59 |
| COLERAINE BOROUGH | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 59 | 151 |
| COOKSTOWN DISTRICT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 8 | 32 |
| CRAIGAVON BOROUGH | 0 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 43 |
| DERRY CITY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 9 | 51 |
| DOWN DISTRICT | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONEBOROUGH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| FERMANAGH DISTRICT | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| LARNE BOROUGH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| LIMAVADY BOROUGH | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| LISBURN CITY | 0 | 40 | 2 | 46 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 6 | 166 |
| MAGHERAFELT DISTRICT | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 26 | 35 |
| MOYLE DISTRICT | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 20 |
| NORTH DOWN BOROUGH | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 20 | 42 |
| OMAGH DISTRICT | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| STRABANE DISTRICT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 63 |
| TOTAL | 7 | 145 | 5 | 215 | 6 | 311 | 4 | 325 | 8 | 425 | 1451 |

The number of complaints/disputes does not necessarily mean that an offence has been committed. Where an offence may have been committed in the majority of cases it is rectified without the need for enforcement action.My officials will continue to work with councils to ensure that, where appropriate, enforcement action is taken.The Information provided in this response is governed by the Principles and Protocols of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. This is enforced by UK Statistics Authority. |

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