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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to NDR Recovery Action.

You have requested the following information:

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 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

No

- a. If yes how many/% per year?**
- b. How many/% were successful?**

Questions 1a and 1b are not applicable.

2. Liability Orders

a. How many NDR debt Liability Orders have been applied for in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?

2018/2019: 1,435

2019/2020: 1,057

2020/2021: 0
2021/2022: 1,855
2022/2023: 1,594

b. How many Liability Orders have been granted per year for NDR debt in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?

2018/2019: 662
2019/2020: 628
2020/2021: 0
2021/2022: 1,123
2022/2023: 981

3. Enforcement Agents

a. How many NDR debts have been sent to Enforcement Agents in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?

2018/2019: 794
2019/2020: 498
2020/2021: 54
2021/2022: 679
2022/2023: 846

b. How much NDR debt was collected via Enforcement Agents in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?

2018/2019: £976,011
2019/2020: £835,317
2020/2021: £43,094
2021/2022: £1,169,979
2022/2023: £1,446,596

4. Security for Unpaid Rates Non-Domestic Rating -

a. If used how many per year in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?

None.

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?

Questions 4b and 4c are not applicable. Please refer to Question 4a.

4. Insolvency

a. If used how many in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?

2018/2019: 0
2019/2020: 3
2020/2021: 4

2021/2022: 0

2022/2023: 0

b. If used do you use an external company to undertake this work?

Yes.

c. What was the average cost for undertaking each insolvency action?

£1,325

5. Commitment to Prison Inquiry into Means and Conduct

a. How many in each year 2018/19 – 2022/23?

2018/2019: 10

2019/2020: 0

2020/2021: 0

2021/2022: 0

2022/2023: 0

b. What % of these resulted in debt successfully recovered?

30%.

6. S49 Powers to reduce or remit liability

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?

For Questions 6a and 6b, the response is nil.

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