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Fine Collection and Enforcement Mechanisms: Supplementary Information

1 Introduction

This briefing note has been prepared in response to a request from the Committee for Justice for additional information to supplement research paper NIAR49-2015, entitled “Fine Collection and Enforcement Mechanisms”.

It includes three sections to address the following three areas where the Committee asked for further elaboration. These are:

- **Any figures available that illustrate how often deductions from benefit payments and unpaid work requirements are used in England and Wales (Section 2);**
- **Whether there are any other jurisdictions – Texas was mentioned – apart from New South Wales, Australia, that provide the opportunity to satisfy a fine by undertaking appropriate treatment or activities such as mental health, drug or alcohol treatment (Section 3);**
- **Whether the Republic of Ireland ever considered providing for deductions from benefits as part of the fine enforcement arrangements (Section 4).**

