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MR ANDY ALLEN (East Belfast) has asked:

To ask the Minister of Justice to outline the total value of fines levied within the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service, in each of the last five years.

ANSWER

The total value of fines levied by the courts in Northern Ireland in the financial year 2020-21 was approximately £4.6 million. In 2019-20 it was £5.6 million, in 2018-19 it was £5.7 million, in 2017-18 it was £4.6 million and in 2016-17 it was £5.3 million approximately.

The figure for 2020-21 is in draft form and is currently subject to audit.

Fines represent just under half of the total value of all the monetary penalties imposed, with a further 20% coming from Fixed Penalties.

I will place a table showing the total value of fines and other monetary penalties levied, in each of the last five years, in the Assembly Library.

The value of fines and other monetary penalties, together with the associated expenditure incurred in their administration and collection, is detailed in the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service Trust Statement.

The Trust Statement is laid before the Assembly and published annually. It is available in the Assembly Library and on my Department's website.

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NAOMI LONG MLA

Fines and other monetary penalties levied by year

	2020-21 (Draft)	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed Penalty Notices	1,989	2,300	2,613	1,850	2,335
Court Imposed Fines	4,573	5,628	5,668	4,619	5,277
Extra Costs	-	6	-3	18	42
Confiscation Orders	1,435	2,099	1,834	1,076	2,692
Offender Levy	353	463	490	421	345
Other Party Criminal	915	1,719	2,045	1,934	1,662
Total	9,265	12,215	12,647	9,918	12,353

Source - Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service Trust Statement