

**From: The Minister**

Date: 8 May 2026

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Dear Michelle

**AQW 43729/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 43729/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA  
Minister for Communities**

**AQW 43729/22-27      Annex A**

This is an operational matter for the Housing Executive. I have sought the requested information from the Interim Chief Executive, who has advised me as follows:

*“We have included the analysis from 2022 as it is the year in which we started to collate this particular data set.*

*(i) The table below shows:*

- the number of Succession Review requests, broken down by the Financial Year the decision was made, since 1 October 2022. This includes Reviews where work has been carried out but the customer has withdrawn the Review request and given vacant possession, prior to any Review decision.*
- the numbers and percentage of succession decisions where a decision was made on Review that there was entitlement to succeed based on all the available information and evidence, including information/evidence provided at Review that was not available at the time of the original decision, broken down by Financial Year.*

<b>Case</b>	<b>Total Cases Q3 22/23 - Q4 22/23</b>	<b>Total Cases 23/24 Fin Yr</b>	<b>Total Cases 24/25 Fin Yr</b>	<b>Total Cases 25/26 Fin Yr</b>	<b>Total cases Oct 22 - Mar 26 (Q3 22/23 Fin Yr - 25/26 Fin Yr)</b>
<b>All Closed cases</b>	7	62	53	72	194
<b>Withdrawn</b>	3	3	4	1	11
<b>Cases where decisions have been made</b>	4	59	49	71	183
<b>Of those cases:</b>					
<b>Succession decisions upheld at Review</b>	4	41	46	63	154
<b>Succession decisions overturned at Review</b>	0	18	3	8	29
<b>Percentage of Succession decisions</b>	0%	31%	6%	11%	16%

<b><i>overturned at Review</i></b>					
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(ii) The table below shows:

- the number of courts appeals for Succession decision challenges from October 2022. This is broken down by Financial Year for the full period Q3 22/23 Fin Yr - 25/26 Fin Yr.

	<b><i>Q3 &amp; Q4 22/23 Fin Yr</i></b>	<b><i>23/24 Fin Yr</i></b>	<b><i>24/25 Fin Yr</i></b>	<b><i>25/26 Fin Yr</i></b>	<b><i>TOTAL October 2022 (pre- dates Review process) (Q3 22/23 Fin Yr - 25/26 Fin Yr)</i></b>
<b><i>Court Appeals of Succession decisions</i></b>	6	1	15	13	35
<b><i>Decrees obtained for</i></b>	6	1	15	12	34

<b>Succession decision challenges</b>					
<b>Number of challenges to succession decisions as part of court appeal where possession order was not granted</b>	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Challenges to succession decisions as part of court appeal where possession order was not granted (as percentages)</b>	0%	0%	0%	8%	3%

*Figures have been provided for both parts from 1 October 2022 (Q3 2022/23 Fin Yr) as this is the effective date of the Review process which is the mechanism for challenges to Succession decisions.”*