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# Child Support Agency Quarterly Summary of Statistics for Great Britain

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## **General Notes**

## **Table Conventions**

- . = "not applicable"
- .. = "not available"
- = less than the rounding threshold. In tables rounded to the nearest 100, this represents a figure of less than 50. In tables rounded to the nearest 5, this represents a figure of less than 5.

Caseload figures are rounded to the nearest 100.
Enforcement figures are rounded to the nearest 5.
Appeals figures are rounded to the nearest 5.
Collections figures are rounded to the nearest £0.1m
Outstanding arrears figures are rounded to the nearest £1m.

## Data

A component of the old scheme numbers is taken from a 5% sample of cases on the old CSCS computer system. The old scheme figures and the overall totals are therefore subject to a degree of sampling variation. This sampling variation is greater in proportional terms when the number estimated is small. The only exception to this is arrears distribution where 100% CSCS data is used.

CS2 data is a 100% download of all cases administered on the CS2 computer system. Updates are received on a daily basis and processed at each month end.

Clerical Case Database is a 100% download of all cases administered off system. These cases are defined as cases which, due to technical issues, cannot be processed on the computer system or are cases with a manual payment. Cases with a manual payment are those that are processed on the computer system but payments to the parent with care have to be made manually.

Accuracy figures are based on checking a sample of cases that have had a new assessment carried out. In 2011/12 for cases administered on the CS2 system, this represented a sample of approximately 1.66% of the total population.

## Note about sampling error

As some of the data in these tables are derived from a 5% sample the numbers, which appear in the tables, are only estimates of the true values. The people included in the sample are 5% of the population of claimants.

Although the figures are estimates, it is possible to say with confidence that the true value, corresponding to any particular number in the tables, lies within a certain range - the confidence interval.

## **Changes in this QSS**

There are no changes in this QSS.

Previously it was announced that we intended to publish additional tables and breakdowns to increase understanding of the CSA's collections and arrears.

Work is ongoing to develop and finalise proposals and additional data will be published when it is considered appropriate to do so.

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## Overview

This National Statistics publication is released on the 14 November 2012 according to arrangements approved by the <u>UK Statistics Authority</u>.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is responsible for the child maintenance system in Great Britain. It funds information and support for separating parents and runs the statutory child maintenance schemes, currently operated through the Child Support Agency (CSA).

Its main statutory objective is to:

• Maximise the number of those children who live apart from one or both of their parents for whom effective maintenance arrangements are in place.

Its main objective is supported by the following subsidiary objectives:

- To encourage and support the making and keeping by parents of appropriate voluntary maintenance arrangements for their children;
- To support the making of applications for child support maintenance under the Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48) and to secure compliance when appropriate with parental obligations under that Act.

DWP assumed responsibility for the CSA from the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission on the 1 August 2012, following an announcement on 14 October 2010 that the Commission would become an executive agency of DWP as part of the Public Bodies Reform. The Commission had responsibility for the CSA between the 1 November 2008 and the 31 July 2012, prior to that DWP had responsibility for the CSA.

This publication contains the most up-to-date tables and breakdowns on the CSA's two existing statutory child maintenance schemes. These are cases operating under Current Scheme rules on the CS2 computer system and those operating under Old Scheme rules on both the CS2 and CSCS computer systems. A number of cases covering both schemes are also being administered off system.

The data covers the periods when DWP had responsibility for the CSA, and when the Commission had responsibility. The data also covers the period both before and after the removal of the compulsion on parents with care who are claiming benefits to use the CSA to collect or arrange maintenance payments. The change, which came into force on October 27 2008, affects around 400,000 CSA clients who can now choose to make private maintenance arrangements with the non-resident parent. Previous versions of the Summary of Statistics can be found on the <u>DWP site.</u>

Read the Child Support Agency Quarterly Summary Statistics first release.

More details on DWP policy statements including quality guidelines can be found at:

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=policy

# **Key facts at September 2012**

- The Agency was dealing with 1,113,900 cases of which 839,300 cases were operating under Current Scheme rules and 274,600 cases under Old Scheme rules. The overall caseload continues on a downward trend seen from September 2008 where the caseload was 1,265,200. Part of this reduction can be attributed to the removal of suspended Old Scheme cases in January 2010 and the general decline of new applications intake since October 2008, following the removal of the compulsion on parents with care who are claiming benefits to use the CSA.
- 698,200 cases were paying maintenance out of 872,800 cases with a child maintenance liability. This represents a maintenance outcome rate of 80.0% and is a slight decrease from 80.6% at June 2012.
- The proportion of positive maintenance outcomes has risen steadily from December 2010 when it was 75.8%, and improved significantly from March 2005, prior to the start of the Operational Improvement Plan when it was 62.9%. This plan was designed to improve performance as well as the service given to clients by increasing the amount of money collected, achieving greater compliance alongside re-designing the child maintenance system. The Operational Improvement Plan can be found: <a href="http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120104120950/http://www.childmaintenance.org/en/pdf/oip.pdf">http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120104120950/http://www.childmaintenance.org/en/pdf/oip.pdf</a>
- **899,400** children were benefiting from maintenance which is down slightly from 900,800 in June 2012. The number of children benefiting from maintenance has increased by 338,300 since March 2005.
- Maintenance of £305.6m was collected or arranged by the CSA in the quarter to September 2012. This is up by £4.4m from £301.2m collected and arranged in the previous quarter. Maintenance Collected and arranged has shown a significant improvement from March 2005 when it was £207.7m.
- £1,204.5m maintenance was collected or arranged in the 12 months to September 2012 of which £113.2m was arrears. This is up from £1,194.8m in the 12 months to June 2012 of which £115.8m was arrears and up from £798.3m of which £68.2m was arrears since the introduction of the Operational Improvement Plan in March 2005.
- 87.7% of cases received in June 2012 were cleared within 12 weeks. This is a decrease of 1.3% compared to June 2011, where 89.0% of cases received were cleared within 12 weeks. There has been a significant improvement in the time taken to clear cases since March 2005 where only 39.7% were cleared within 12 weeks.
- 17,100 applications remain uncleared. The number of uncleared applications are the same as September 2011 but have increased since June 2012 when it was 15,900. Since March 2005 the volume of uncleared work has reduced by 94% from 310,000.
- In 95.3% of assessed cases, the non-resident parent is male.
- In **45.3**% of assessed cases the non-resident parent is not employed, **46.2**% are employed and **8.5**% self employed.

- Non-resident parents owed a total of £3.814bn in September 2012.<sup>1</sup> 58.6% of cases with arrears owe £1,000 or less. However arrears of £1,000 or less make up only 5.1% of the total arrears owed.
- 7,600 full time equivalent staff were employed to support the Child Maintenance system. Net administration costs in 2011/12 for the delivery of the statutory maintenance schemes were £420m.<sup>2</sup>
- 8.1 days were lost due to sickness per full time equivalent in the 12 months to September 2012. This represents a decrease from September 2011 where it was 8.4 days.
- **5,100** complaints were received in the quarter to September 2012 while **5,000** complaints were closed. There were **1,900** complaints with outstanding actions as at September 2012. This compares with 5,000 complaints received in the previous quarter, **4,800** closed and **1,800** with outstanding actions.
- Of the complaints received this quarter **50%** were received from a non-resident parent and **49%** from a parent with care.
- 99.3% of complaints in the 9 months to September 12 were resolved or had a resolution plan in place within 15 days. This compares to 99.6% in the 9 months to September 2011.
- In the quarter to September 2012, **1,370** appeals were received which is a reduction of 50 from June 2012, when it was 1,420. In the quarter to September 2012, **1,530** appeals were either withdrawn, had a decision revised or referred to The Tribunal Service, leaving **1,140** appeals outstanding.
- In the 12 months to September 2012, it took on average, **8.3** weeks to clear appeals through the first stage of the appeals process and **4.3** days for the Agency to revise maintenance calculations following a decision from The Tribunal Service.
- **640** appeals were received in the quarter to September 2012 from clients who had been through the Agency dispute process. This is a decrease from 800 in the quarter to September 2011.
- **863,100** telephone calls were answered in the 3 months to September 2012, with the calls answered from the queue in an average of **53** seconds. This compares to the 3 months to September 2011 where 1,011,200 telephone calls were answered, with the average waiting time of 10 seconds<sup>4</sup>.
- At the end of September 2012, rolling 12 month performance on accuracy to within £1 or 2% of the correct calculation stood at 96.4%<sup>3</sup> an increase of 1.7% on September 2011 when it stood at 94.7%.
- At the end of September 2012, rolling 12 month performance on accuracy showed that assessments were 98.4% accurate<sup>3</sup>, an increase of 0.3% on September 2011 when it was 98.1%.

<sup>2</sup> Net administration costs for 2011/12 have been published at: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/cmec-report-and-accounts-11-12.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> Arrears figure has been revised following adjustments in the 2008/09 and 2009/10 accounts which have been audited by NAO and published. Arrears figures for 2010/11 onwards have also been adjusted but these are yet to be approved and audited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3.</sup> Accuracy figures are derived by checking a sample of cases on which new assessments have been carried out.

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4. Certain Social Media sites have been advertising alternative numbers for contacting the Child Support Agency. This has resulted in a greater number of calls being received on lines that are not resourced to cope with customer demand, and the dip in performance is attributable to this issue. A solution has been implemented which should bring performance back to expected levels next quarter.

# **Summary of Key Measures**

The table below reflects the performance of cases managed on the core systems and cases managed off system.

			Key Measures				
	March 2008	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	March 2012	September 2012	March 2013 Indicator
Uncleared applications	121,900	43,700	18,300	14,600	13,800	17,100	-
Maintenance Outcomes % of cases with a current liability receiving maintenance in the Quarter	66.8%	70.6%	77.1%	77.6%	79.7%	80.0%	80%
Positive Outcomes Cases with a positive maintenance outcome	561,400	593,500	647,700	668,600	695,800	698,200	-
Positive Liabilities Cases in which maintenance due	840,100	841,000	840,000	861,700	872,900	872,800	-
Number of children benefiting at quarter end	749,300	780,500	845,700	867,800	899,700	899,400	900,000
Maintenance collected or arranged (12 month rolling figure)	£1,010.0m (of which £126.4m arrears)	(of which £158.1m	(of which £147.3m	(of which £125.1m	of which	of which	£1,200m
Throughput 12 weeks (Dec intake)	76.8%	81.2%	86.1%	88.0%	88.7%	87.7% (Jun 12 intake)	-
18 weeks (Oct intake)	83.3%	81.3%	92.5%	92.8%	94.0%	94.0% (Apr 12 intake)	-
26 weeks (Sep intake)	88.8%	90.2%	95.3%	96.3%	98.0%	96.6% (Mar 12 intake)	-

- Measures are against the statutory maintenance service only.
- 2. High level figures including performance of cases managed off system are only available from October 2006. Detailed breakdowns of the cases managed off system by scheme are only available from April 2008. Therefore detailed figures in the rest of this publication may differ from overall Agency figures in this table.
- 3. Performance of cases with manual payments are only available from March 2009.
- 4. Current Scheme uncleared application figures are subject to revision in future publications. Future revisions will reflect any new information which is received after the production of this table.
- 5. Maintenance collected figures are subject to revision following the laying of the Client Fund accounts.
- 6. Arrears collected figures include arrears of maintenance that have been linked to an arrears collection schedule. Investigations show that a proportion of arrears of maintenance collected have been incorrectly linked to a regular collection schedule and therefore classified as regular maintenance in the above table. Work is underway to correctly classify arrears collections in future publications.
- Collections on all cases managed off system are presumed to be regular collections rather than collections of arrears resulting in the potential under counting of arrears.
- 8. Collections figures from 10/11 and 11/12 have yet to be audited and finalised.
- Figures relating to maintenance outcomes, positive outcomes, positive liabilities, the number of children benefiting and
  maintenance collected/arranged include Old Scheme cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table
  is based on a 5% sample.

# Caseload

This shows the number of cases currently being handled by the Agency and the division of these between the Old and Current Scheme.

• The number of live and assessed cases that the Agency handles has decreased to 1,113,900 in the quarter to September 2012 compared to 1,118,200 in the quarter to June 2012. Over the same period, Old Scheme cases have decreased from 292,000 to 274,600 and Current Scheme cases have increased from 826,200 to 839,300.

Table 1: Quarterly Caseload by Scheme: Live and Assessed Cases

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Quarter	Overall	Current	Old
ending:	Agency	Scheme	Scheme
Mar-03	995,100	100	995,000
Jun-03	992,400	7,100	985,400
Sep-03	999,700	34,100	965,600
Dec-03	1,000,700	65,200	935,400
Mar-04	1,007,600	97,400	910,200
Jun-04	1,016,900	123,500	893,500
Sep-04	1,027,200	146,600	880,600
Dec-04	1,037,900	169,600	868,300
Mar-05	1,054,200	198,600	855,500
Jun-05	1,074,100	229,100	845,000
Sep-05	1,091,400	260,300	831,100
Dec-05	1,110,100	293,700	816,400
Mar-06	1,133,400	333,000	800,400
Jun-06	1,152,900	364,700	788,200
Sep-06	1,168,100	392,500	775,600
Dec-06	1,166,300	418,700	747,600
Mar-07	1,181,000	460,700	720,300
Jun-07	1,205,200	497,600	707,600
Sep-07	1,224,600	529,900	694,700
Dec-07	1,226,400	556,700	669,700
Mar-08	1,237,100	585,200	651,800
Jun-08	1,263,600	631,500	632,100
Sep-08	1,265,200	645,000	620,200
Dec-08	1,263,500	656,200	607,300
Mar-09	1,245,000	666,100	578,800
Jun-09	1,234,400	674,000	560,400
Sep-09	1,219,100	680,400	538,700
Dec-09	1,213,100	691,200	521,900
Mar-10	1,150,800	707,400	443,300
Jun-10	1,150,800	721,300	429,500
Sep-10 Dec-10	1,153,900	738,300	415,600
Mar-11	1,152,200 1,145,700	753,400 769,200	398,800 376,500
Jun-11	1,143,400	781,500	362,000
Sep-11	1,142,600	795,000	347,600
Dec-11	1,140,500	808,700	331,800
Mar-12	1,128,400	818,000	310,400
Jun-12	1,118,200	826,200	292,000
Sep-12	1,113,900	839,300	274,600
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<sup>1.</sup> Figures from April 2008 reflect the performance of cases managed off system.

- 2. Figures include Old Scheme cases with a full or interim maintenance assessment as well as Current Scheme cases with a full maintenance calculation or default maintenance decision.
- 3. A drop in the caseload can be seen from January 2010 which can be attributed to the removal of suspended cases on the CSCS computer system.
- 4. Live and assessed caseload includes open cases with an ongoing child maintenance liability, cases which have been assessed as nil liability and cases where arrears of maintenance have been requested.

  5. Old Scheme figures include cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table is based on a 5% sample.

## **Clerical Case Database**

This shows the number of cases being managed off system.

A number of Agency cases are being maintained on the Clerical Case Database and managed off system. These are defined as cases which, due to technical issues, cannot be processed on the core computer systems. The majority of these have been on the CS2 computer system at some point. Work has been completed to include these cases in various tables throughout this publication where possible capturing the latest status of those cases managed off system. These tables have been footnoted accordingly.

• The number of live and assessed cases being managed off system has increased from 104,600 in June 2012 to 105,400 in September 2012. As a result of the issues surrounding the CS2 computer system there has been a continued increase in the number of cases on the Clerical Case Database since March 2005. The rate of increase slowed down significantly during 2011/2012 as a result of system fixes and process improvements, inefficiencies remain.

Table 2: Clerical Case Database

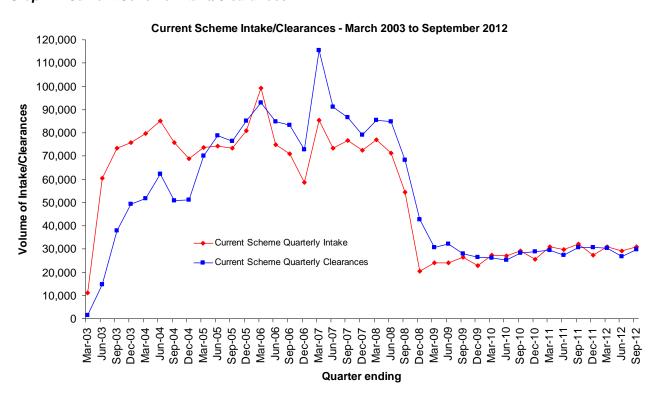
Quarter	Off System
Ending:	cases
Mar-05	10,500
Jun-05	12,600
Sep-05	14,000
Dec-05	16,100
Mar-06	19,000
Jun-06	21,100
Sep-06	23,200
Dec-06	25,100
Mar-07	27,700
Jun-07	31,900
Sep-07	33,000
Dec-07	33,000
Mar-08	36,900
Jun-08	39,300
Sep-08	43,600
Dec-08	48,800
Mar-09	59,800
Jun-09	66,100
Sep-09	75,400
Dec-09	83,300
Mar-10	87,700
Jun-10	92,100
Sep-10	95,700
Dec-10	98,400
Mar-11	100,200
Jun-11	101,500
Sep-11	101,800
Dec-11	103,000
Mar-12	104,100
Jun-12	104,600
Sep-12	105,400

<sup>1.</sup> Figures include both live and suspended cases that are administered on the Agency's Clerical Case Database.

# Intake, Clearances and Uncleared work

This shows the total intake of Current Scheme applications, total clearances and total remaining uncleared applications.

- New applications to the Agency increased to 30,900 in the quarter to September 2012.
  This is up from 29,200 in the quarter to June 2012. Applications received from
  Jobcentre Plus ceased from October 2008 following the repeal of Section 6, the legal
  requirement which previously compelled parents with care on income related benefits
  to use the services of the Child Support Agency.
- There were 29,700 Current Scheme clearances in the quarter ending September 2012 with the total number of uncleared applications across all schemes increasing to 17,100. This compares to 26,700 clearances in the quarter to June 2012 at which time uncleared applications stood at 15,900.



Graph 1: Current Scheme Intake/Clearances

- 1. A Current Scheme clearance is defined under the following circumstances; If a maintenance calculation has been carried out and a payment arrangement between the parent with care and the non-resident parent is in place; an application has been cancelled or withdrawn; a maintenance calculation has been carried out and nil liability established; a parent with care has been identified as claiming Good Cause or is subject to a Reduced Benefit Decision; or the application has been closed.
- 2. Intake figures count applications for Child Support. Not all applications become live cases. Similarly, clearances count all applications cleared and not just live cases.
- 3. A change in legislation in October 2008 removed the compulsion for parents with care on income based benefits (Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance (Income Based)) to pursue a claim for child support through the Agency. After this date, it is expected that some parents with care will opt to end their child support claim with CSA.
- 4. In the run up to the change, a further legislative repeal in July 2008 meant that single parents making a new claim for income based benefit would no longer be referred to CSA. Some will have made direct arrangements with the Agency, but they are not compelled to do so.
- 5. These figures are subject to revision in future publications. Future revisions will reflect any new information which is received after the production of this table.

## Intake/Clearances and Uncleared work

This shows the total intake of Current Scheme applications, total clearances and total remaining uncleared applications.

Table 3: Intake/Clearances and Uncleared work

	Current S	cheme			
Quarter ending:	Quarterly Intake	Quarterly Clearances	Total Uncleared Applications	Uncleared Current Scheme Applications	Uncleared Old Scheme Applications
Mar-03	11,100	1,400	259,900	17,600	242,300
Jun-03	60,500	14,600	279,700	63,500	216,200
Sep-03	73,300	37,900	293,900	98,900	195,000
Dec-03	75,700	49,400	288,400	125,200	163,200
Mar-04	79,600	51,600	295,800	153,100	142,600
Jun-04	85,200	62,300	296,400	176,100	120,300
Sep-04	75,700	50,900	306,400	200,900	105,500
Dec-04	68,800	51,100	317,500	218,600	98,900
Mar-05	73,600	70,000	310,000	222,300	87,700
Jun-05	74,300	78,800	295,200	217,800	77,300
Sep-05	73,400	76,500	284,500	214,700	69,800
Dec-05	80,800	85,200	274,200	210,300	64,000
Mar-06	99,200	92,800	277,500	216,700	60,900
Jun-06	75,000	84,700	265,900	206,900	59,000
Sep-06	71,000	83,200	246,900	194,700	52,100
Dec-06	58,500	72,900	224,500	177,000	47,600
Mar-07	85,500	115,400	184,500	147,200	37,300
Jun-07	73,300	91,000	163,000	131,500	31,500
Sep-07	76,800	86,700	147,500	121,300	26,200
Dec-07	72,400	79,100	136,600	113,500	23,100
Mar-08	76,900	85,400	121,900	101,500	20,400
Jun-08	71,200	84,700	104,900	86,800	18,100
Sep-08	54,500	68,200	88,200	72,700	15,500
Dec-08	20,400	42,600	62,200	49,800	12,500
Mar-09	24,000	30,700	43,700	39,000	4,600
Jun-09	24,200	32,300	30,100	28,400	1,700
Sep-09	26,500	28,100 26,500	26,200	24,800	1,400
Dec-09 Mar-10	22,800 27,300	26,300	20,300 18,300	19,000 18,200	1,300 200
Jun-10	27,000	25,400	18,700	18,600	200
Sep-10	29,300	28,200	18,600	18,400	100
Dec-10	25,500 25,500	28,200	13,900	13,800	100
Mar-11	31,000	29,600	14,600	13,000	100
Jun-11	29,700	27,500	16,300	_	
Sep-11	32,100	30,800	17,100	-	-
Dec-11	27,300	30,700	13,400	_	_
Mar-12	31,000	30,300	13,800	_	_
Jun-12	29,200	26,700	15,900	-	-
Sep-12	30,900	29,700	17,100	-	-

- 1. Intake and clearances figures exclude the performance of cases managed off system.
- 2. Uncleared application figures include the performance of cases managed off system from October 2006.
- 3. Old Scheme uncleared applications relate to cases that have not been assessed.
- These figures are subject to revision in future publications. Future revisions will reflect any new information which is received after the production of this table.
- 5. In January and February 2007 CSA implemented a computer system change to free-up applications that could not be progressed due to system issues. The change involved the deletion of around 11,750 Current Scheme applications and the subsequent reentry of the vast majority back onto the system. This has had the impact of artificially increasing the clearance and intake figures for January and February by 1,500 and 10,250 respectively.

- Intake figures in this table may differ from intake figures on page 18. Intake figures in the table above are based on the date the case was first entered on the CS2 computer system. Intake figures on page 18 are based on the date when a customer first made contact with the Agency.

  A small sample of cases indicates that most uncleared applications reported as Old Scheme are in fact Current Scheme.

# **Closures**

This shows the total number of Current Scheme cases that are closed or cancelled/withdrawn within the quarter.

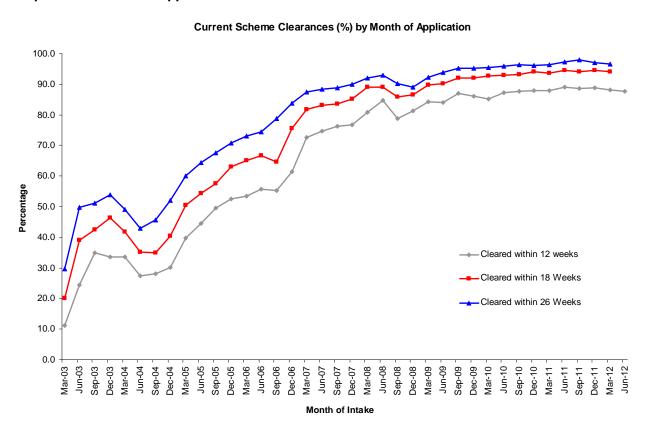
- The number of Current Scheme case closures increased by 18.5% from 14,600 in the quarter to June 2012 to 17,300 in the quarter to September 2012.
- In the quarter to September 2012, **9,400** applications were not pursued by the applicant and in **6,500** cases the application was not eligible or no longer valid. This covers closures both prior to and following a calculation.
- A more detailed breakdown of closures *following* calculation is included in Annex A.

# Time to clear applications

This shows the length of time taken to clear applications received by the Agency each month.

- **87.7%** of intake received in June 2012 was **cleared within 12 weeks**. This is a slight decrease from 88.1% 3 months earlier.
- 94.0% of intake received in April 2012 was cleared within 18 weeks. This is a slight decrease from 94.1% 3 months earlier.
- 96.6% of intake received in March 2012 was cleared within 26 weeks. This is a slight decrease from 97.0% 3 months earlier.

Graph 2: Time to Clear Applications



## **Time to Clear Applications**

This shows the length of time taken to clear applications received by the Agency each month.

Table 4: Time to Clear applications

Month of Intake	Intake	Within 12 weeks	%	Within 18 weeks	%	Within 26 weeks	%	Total cleared	%	Not cleared	%
Mar-03	17,300	1,900	11.2	3,500	20.1	5,100	29.7	17,100	98.9*	200	1.1*
Jun-03	21,100	5,200	24.5	8,300	39.1	10,500	49.7	20,900	99.3*	100	0.7*
Sep-03	23,400	8,200	35.0	9,900	42.5	11,900	51.1	23,200	99.3*	200	0.7*
Dec-03	17,300	5,800	33.5	8,000	46.3	9,400	54.0	17,200	99.3*	100	0.7*
Mar-04	28,400	9,500	33.6	11,800	41.7	13,900	49.0	28,200	99.3*	200	0.7*
Jun-04	25,400	6,900	27.3	8,900	35.2	10,900	43.0	25,200	99.4*	100	0.6*
Sep-04	23,000	6,500	28.1	8,000	34.9	10,500	45.7	22,900	99.5*	100	0.5*
Dec-04	17,700	5,300	30.1	7,100	40.4	9,200	52.2	17,600	99.6*	100	0.4*
Mar-05	23,000	9,100	39.7	11,600	50.5	13,800	60.0	22,900	99.5*	100	0.5*
Jun-05	22,500	10,000	44.5	12,200	54.3	14,500	64.4	22,400	99.5*	100	0.5*
Sep-05	23,200	11,500	49.5	13,300	57.6	15,700	67.6	23,000	99.4*	100	0.6*
Dec-05	21,200	11,100	52.5	13,400	62.9	15,000	70.8	21,100	99.6*	100	0.4*
Mar-06	30,900	16,500	53.4	20,100	65.0	22,600	73.0	30,800	99.5*	200	0.5*
Jun-06	23,500	13,100	55.6	15,700	66.7	17,500	74.5	23,300	99.4*	100	0.6*
Sep-06	20,700	11,500	55.3	13,400	64.6	16,300	78.8	20,600	99.4*	100	0.6*
Dec-06	15,100	9,300	61.4	11,400	75.5	12,700	83.9	15,000	99.4*	100	0.6*
Mar-07	26,300	19,100	72.6	21,400	81.7	22,900	87.4	26,100	99.3*	200	0.7*
Jun-07	25,000	18,700	74.7	20,800	83.2	22,100	88.3	24,800	99.4*	200	0.6*
Sep-07	24,200	18,400	76.2	20,200	83.6	21,500	88.8	24,100	99.5*	100	0.5*
Dec-07	17,200	13,300	76.8	14,700	85.1	15,500	89.8	17,200	99.5*	100	0.5*
Mar-08	20,700	16,700	80.9	18,400	89.1	19,000	92.0	20,600	99.5*	100	0.5*
Jun-08	23,200	19,700	84.8	20,700	89.0	21,500	92.9	23,100	99.5*	100	0.5*
Sep-08	12,100	9,600	78.8	10,400	85.9	10,900	90.2	12,000	99.0*	100	1.0*
Dec-08	5,200	4,300	81.2	4,500	86.4	4,700	89.1	5,100	97.6*	100	2.4*
Mar-09	7,900	6,600	84.3	7,000	89.6	7,300	92.3	7,700	98.6*	100	1.4*
Jun-09	8,600	7,200	84.0	7,800	90.1	8,100	93.9	8,500	99.0*	100	1.0*
Sep-09	9,300	8,100	87.0	8,600	92.0	8,900	95.3	9,200	99.2*	100	0.8*
Dec-09	5,600	4,900	86.1	5,200	92.1	5,400	95.2	5,600	99.1*	100	0.9*
Mar-10	10,100	8,600	85.2	9,300	92.6	9,600	95.3	10,000	99.0*	100	1.0*
Jun-10	9,900	8,700	87.2	9,200	92.8	9,500	95.9	9,900	99.4*	100	0.6*
Sep-10	10,300	9,100	87.7	9,600	93.0	9,900	96.3	10,200	99.2*	100	0.8*
Dec-10	5,800	5,100	88.0	5,500	94.1	5,600	96.2	5,800	99.1*	100	0.9*
Mar-11	11,000	9,600	87.9	10,300	93.7	10,500	96.3	10,800	99.0*	100	1.0*
Jun-11	10,700	9,500	89.0	10,100	94.4	10,400	97.2	10,600	99.1*	100	0.9*
Sep-11	11,400	10,100	88.7	10,700	94.1	11,200	98.0	11,300	99.0*	100	1.0*
Dec-11	6,800	6,100	88.7	6,500	94.5	6,600	97.0	6,700	98.6*	100	1.4*
Mar-12	10,500	9,200	88.1	9,900	94.1	10,100	96.6	10,200	97.0*	300	3.0*
Jun-12	9,200	8,100	87.7	8,400	91.4*	8,400	91.4*	8,400	91.4*	800	8.6*
Sep-12	9,600	1,700	17.5*	1,700	17.5*	1,700	17.5*	1,700	17.5*	7,900	82.5*

- 1. A clearance above is defined under the following circumstances; If a maintenance calculation has been carried out and a payment arrangement between the parent with care and the non-resident parent is in place; an application has been cancelled or withdrawn; a maintenance calculation has been carried out and nil liability established; a parent with care has been identified as claiming Good Cause or is subject to a Reduced Benefit Decision; or the application has been closed.
- 2. This table counts applications for Child Support. Not all applications become live cases.
- 3. Time to clearance is calculated as the time from first contact with the non-resident parent or parent with care until clearance of the application.
- 4. The figures in this table are subject to revision in future publications. Future revisions will reflect any new information which is received after the production of this table.
- 5. '\*' indicates that the time band is incomplete. This means that whilst some cases will have been cleared within the time band, since the period had not yet fully elapsed, complete data is not available to allow meaningful comparison with earlier periods.
- 6. Intake figures in this table may differ from intake figures on page 15. Intake figures in the above table are based on the date when a customer first made contact with the Agency. Intake figures on page 15 are based on the date the case was first entered on the CS2 computer system.

## **Caseload Status**

This shows the status of all cases with an assessment or calculation.

- The overall live and assessed caseload now stands at **1,113,900**. This is a reduction of 4,300 from June 2012 and 28,700 less than the caseload as at September 2011. The caseload has been on a downward trend since September 2008 where it stood at 1,265,200.
- The average weekly maintenance liability (including nil liability) stands at £23.60 excluding nil liability the average is £33.40.
- A breakdown by scheme is included in Annex A.

Table 5: Caseload Status

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					Positiv	e Outcome Cas	eload
Quarter ending:	Overall	Nil Liability	Assessed not Charging	Nil Compliant	Compliant	Maintenance Direct	Others with Receipts
Mar-03	995,100	456,700	52,700	107,300	284,900	91,500	1,900
Jun-03	992,400	457,600	58,800	103,500	276,800	90,600	5,100
Sep-03	999,700	450,500	71,900	107,200	273,100	89,100	7,800
Dec-03	1,000,700	442,500	72,900	112,900	277,000	87,000	8,400
Mar-04	1,007,600	432,300	76,000	120,200	284,000	86,100	9,000
Jun-04	1,016,900	427,600	76,300	127,800	290,900	85,700	8,500
Sep-04	1,027,200	421,200	78,900	136,300	296,500	86,800	7,400
Dec-04	1,037,900	407,000	95,100	137,700	299,300	90,500	8,200
Mar-05	1,054,200	412,000	97,400	140,900	300,300	93,500	10,000
Jun-05	1,074,100	414,100	105,500	139,500	304,500	97,900	12,700
Sep-05	1,091,400	413,700	109,600	143,300	309,700	101,700	13,400
Dec-05	1,110,100	413,100	113,300	146,900	315,600	107,300	13,800
Mar-06	1,133,400	413,700	122,200	143,200	326,000	112,800	15,500
Jun-06	1,152,900	416,300	126,600	139,700	335,000	119,100	16,300
Sep-06	1,168,100	416,400	126,200	144,400	339,900	125,200	16,100
Dec-06	1,166,300	414,500	111,800	156,400	340,000	127,600	16,100
Mar-07	1,181,000	413,700	107,800	164,500	344,500	132,300	18,400
Jun-07	1,205,200	412,300	110,400	170,600	352,400	139,000	20,600
Sep-07	1,224,600	411,900	113,300	172,700	358,800	144,600	23,200
Dec-07	1,226,400	413,300	104,400	179,400	356,100	148,700	24,500
Mar-08	1,237,100	412,500	101,700	175,100	369,700	153,900	24,100
Jun-08	1,263,600	411,000	97,100	176,900	396,800	158,700	23,200
Sep-08	1,265,200	409,500	92,500	174,900	402,000	160,800	25,400
Dec-08	1,263,500	406,000	95,700	184,500	389,200	162,800	25,300
Mar-09	1,245,000	404,000	82,400	165,100	402,000	165,300	26,100
Jun-09	1,234,400	398,600	80,700	151,000	408,700	168,400	27,000
Sep-09	1,219,100	385,100	72,300	151,200	414,200	167,600	28,700
Dec-09	1,213,100	381,200	64,100	148,400	421,400	169,300	28,700
Mar-10	1,150,800	310,800	57,300	135,000	441,500	169,800	36,400
Jun-10	1,150,800	307,700	55,900	138,900	442,600	170,900	34,900
Sep-10	1,153,900	299,800	57,700	143,100	445,200	172,000	36,000
Dec-10	1,152,200	297,900	54,000	152,800	441,300	171,800	34,400
Mar-11	1,145,700	283,900	50,900	142,300	454,200	174,100	40,200
Jun-11	1,143,400	281,300	49,400	143,300	454,800	175,400	39,200
Sep-11	1,142,600	270,600	45,500	148,100	463,200	176,300	38,800
Dec-11	1,140,500	264,200	41,000	151,500	469,600	178,700	35,500
Mar-12	1,128,400	255,500	36,000	141,100	478,500	181,700	35,700
Jun-12	1,118,200	253,500	34,300	133,800	478,800	182,700	35,100
Sep-12	1,113,900	241,200	34,100	140,500	478,100	183,700	36,400

<sup>1.</sup> Figures from April 2008 reflect the performance of cases managed off system and cases where a payment has been made manually as well as cases on the CS2 and CSCS computer systems.

- 2. Figures include Old Scheme cases with a full or interim maintenance assessment as well as Current Scheme cases with a full maintenance calculation or default maintenance decision.
- 3. Cases are classed as compliant if they are currently open, classed as collection service cases at the end of the month, and have been charged and paid money via the collection service (either regular maintenance and/or arrears) over the preceding quarter.
- 4. Cases are classed as assessed and not charging (that is to say they have a positive liability but no active charging schedule is in place) if they have this status at the end of the quarter, and there have been no charges or receipts via the collection service over the period.
- 5. "Nii liability" means that no payments were expected on the case and "Nil compliant" means that payments were expected but none were received.
- 6. Cases are classed as maintenance direct if this is their status at the end of the quarter.
- 7. 'Others with Receipts' are cases which are nil liability, assessed and not charging or cancelled/withdrawn and where a child maintenance receipt has been received in the quarter.
- 8. Cases which are compliant, maintenance direct or 'Others with Receipts' make up the positive outcome caseload of total cases paying maintenance.
- 9. A drop in the caseload can be seen from January 2010 which can be attributed to the removal of suspended cases on the CSCS computer system.
- 10. Figures include Old Scheme cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table is based on a 5% sample.

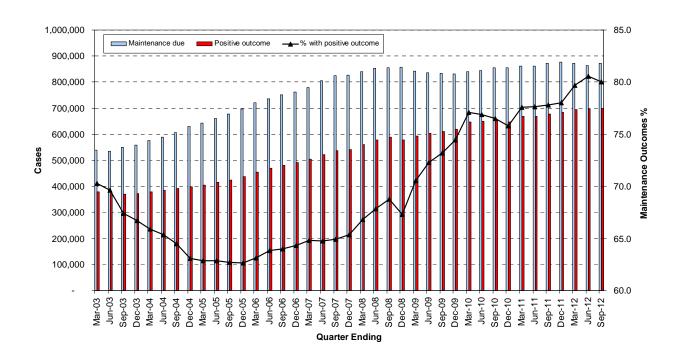
# **Cases/Children Benefiting from Maintenance**

This shows the number of cases from which a payment was received or which had a maintenance direct arrangement in place over a 3 month period and the number of children benefiting from such a payment or arrangement.

- The percentage of cases where the non-resident parent is paying child maintenance has decreased from 80.6% in the quarter to June 2012 to 80.0% in the quarter to September 2012. However, this is an increase of 2.2 percentage points from September 2011 when it was 77.8%.
- The number of cases with a positive liability has increased from 864,600 in June 2012 to 872,800 in September 2012. The number with a positive outcome has increased from 696,500 to 698,200 over the same period.
- The number of children benefiting on these positive outcome cases has decreased from 900,800 in June 2012 to 899,400 in September 2012. The number of children benefiting has risen by 23,300 from September 2011.
- A breakdown by scheme is included in Annex A.

Graph 3: Cases/Children Benefiting from Maintenance

## **Cases Benefiting from Maintenance**



## **Cases/Children Benefiting from Maintenance**

Table 6: Cases/Children Benefiting from Maintenance

	Overall Agency Cases - in which:					
Quarter ending:	Maintenance due	Positive % v	with positive outcome	Children benefiting from		
Man 00	500,400			maintenance		
Mar-03	538,400	378,300	70.3	548,100		
Jun-03	534,900	372,500	69.6	539,100		
Sep-03	549,200	370,100	67.4	534,300		
Dec-03	558,200	372,400	66.7	534,500		
Mar-04 Jun-04	575,300	379,200	65.9	537,500		
	589,300	385,100	65.3	542,600 548,200		
Sep-04 Dec-04	605,900	390,800	64.5 63.1	,		
Mar-05	630,900 642,100	398,000	62.9	554,900 561,100		
Jun-05	660,000	403,800	62.9	561,100 574,700		
	677,700	415,100 424,800	62.7	586,400		
Sep-05 Dec-05	697,000	436,800	62.7 62.7	599,600		
Mar-06	719,700	454,300	63.1	623,000		
Jun-06	736,600	470,300	63.8	644,500		
Sep-06	750,000 751,700	481,200	64.0	656,800		
Dec-06	762,100	490,400	64.3	666,300		
Mar-07	762,100	504,400	64.8	683,300		
Jun-07	804,500	520,800	64.7	703,100		
Sep-07	825,100	535,800	64.9	703,100		
Dec-07	827,300	540,600	65.3	722,800 721,900		
Mar-08	840,100	561,400	66.8	749,300		
Jun-08	852,700	578,700	67.9	771,300		
Sep-08	855,700	588,300	68.7	77 1,300 781,600		
Dec-08	857,500	577,200	67.3	751,600 759,600		
Mar-09	841,000	593,500	70.6	780,500		
Jun-09	835,900	604,200	72.3	793,900		
Sep-09	834,000	610,500	73.2	799,300		
Dec-09	831,900	619,400	74.5	809,800		
Mar-10	840,000	647,700	77.1	845,700		
Jun-10	843,100	648,400	76.9	849,100		
Sep-10	854,100	653,300	76.5	850,800		
Dec-10	854,300	647,500	75.8	841,800		
Mar-11	861,700	668,600	77.6	867,800		
Jun-11	862,100	669,400	77.6	868,700		
Sep-11	872,000	678,300	77.8	876,100		
Dec-11	876,300	683,800	78.0	882,600		
Mar-12	872,900	695,800	79.7	899,700		
Jun-12	864,600	696,500	80.6	900,800		
Sep-12	872,800	698,200	80.0	899,400		
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- Figures from October 2006 reflect the performance of cases managed off system as well as cases on the CS2 and CSCS computer systems.
- 2. Cases are counted as having a positive maintenance outcome if they have received a payment via the collection service in the quarter or have a maintenance direct agreement in place. Cases are classed as maintenance direct if this is their status at the end of the quarter.
- 3. Cases are classed as having maintenance due if an ongoing liability to pay maintenance exists or arrears of maintenance have been requested. This group of cases consists of assessed not charging, compliant, nil compliant, maintenance direct and others with receipts. Definitions can be found on page 20.
- 4. Qualifying children are counted as receiving maintenance or with a maintenance direct agreement in place if the relevant case has received a payment via the collection service in the last three months or has a maintenance direct agreement in place. An average of 1.35 children per case has been used for positive outcome cases progressed off system. This is based on checking a sample of off system case papers.
- 5. Figures include Old Scheme cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table is based on a 5% sample.

## **Annual Cases/Children Benefiting from Maintenance**

This shows the number of cases from which a payment was received or which had a maintenance direct arrangement in place over a 12 month period.

- The percentage of cases where the non-resident parent is paying child maintenance in the latest 12 months has decreased slightly from 85.7% in the 12 months to June 2012 to **85.6%** in the 12 months to September 2012.
- The number of cases with a positive liability at any point in the last 12 months has increased from 969,000 in June 2012 to **975,000** in September 2012. The number with a positive outcome has increased from 830,200 to **834,700** over the same period.
- The number of children benefiting on these positive outcome cases has risen from 1,073,100 in June 2012 to **1,077,800** in September 2012.

Table 7: Annual Cases/Children Benefiting from Maintenance

Table 7: Ann	ual Cases/Childre	n Benefiting fr	om Maintenan	ice
	Ove	erall Agency Ca	ises - in which	
Year	Maintenance	Positive	% with	Children
ending:	due	outcome	positive	benefiting from
			outcome	maintenance
Mar-04	683,200	481,200	70.4	694,300
Jun-04	687,400	483,800	70.4	695,500
Sep-04	687,600	485,600	70.6	694,200
Dec-04	695,500	491,200	70.6	694,700
Mar-05	708,400	498,200	70.3	700,300
Jun-05	727,600	509,600	70.0	712,800
Sep-05	748,800	522,300	69.7	726,600
Dec-05	763,300	534,100	70.0	741,500
Mar-06	787,000	552,800	70.2	765,700
Jun-06	805,100	569,300	70.7	786,900
Sep-06	819,200	581,800	71.0	800,200
Dec-06	842,900	598,400	71.0	823,800
Mar-07	858,400	606,500	70.6	834,400
Jun-07	888,000	626,600	70.5	859,000
Sep-07	896,200	642,700	71.6	874,000
Dec-07	902,000	655,100	72.6	887,100
Mar-08	921,200	679,000	73.7	933,300
Jun-08	936,900	696,500	74.3	953,700
Sep-08	928,500	704,000	75.8	957,100
Dec-08	928,300	704,100	75.8	935,400
Mar-09	932,900	718,500	77.0	950,900
Jun-09	937,100	729,600	77.9	961,900
Sep-09	949,400	740,200	78.0	968,500
Dec-09	936,200	746,300	79.7	976,400
Mar-10	944,300	769,200	81.5	1,005,100
Jun-10	937,900	773,300	82.5	1,007,900
Sep-10	940,400	783,300	83.3	1,020,500
Dec-10	937,000	787,600	84.1	1,026,900
Mar-11	946,100	799,400	84.5	1,044,600
Jun-11	952,200	804,500	84.5	1,046,800
Sep-11	957,400	807,200	84.3	1,049,100
Dec-11	961,500	815,100	84.8	1,058,300
Mar-12	967,100	824,000	85.2	1,069,600
Jun-12	969,000	830,200	85.7	1,073,100
Sep-12	975,000	834,700	85.6	1,077,800

- Figures from September 2007 include the performance of cases managed off system for the full 12 months as well as cases on the CS2 and CSCS computer systems. Information for cases managed off system is available from October 2006 and therefore is partly included in the December 2006, March 2007 and June 2007 figures.
- 2. Cases can migrate from the CSCS computer system to the CS2 computer system within a 12 month period and such cases may be counted twice in the above table. It has been possible to remove such duplicates from March 2007. Therefore in the 12 month period to December 2007 all duplicate cases are removed, with duplicates partly removed in the 12 months to March 2007, June 2007 and September 2007.
- 3. Cases are counted as having a positive maintenance outcome if they have received a payment via the collection service in the last 12 months or have a maintenance direct agreement in place. Cases are classed as maintenance direct if this is their status at the end of any quarter.
- 4. Qualifying children are counted as receiving maintenance or with a maintenance direct agreement in place if the relevant case has received a payment via the collection service in the last twelve months or has a maintenance direct agreement in place. An average of 1.35 children per case has been used for positive outcome cases progressed off system.
- Figures include Old Scheme cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table is based on a 5% sample.

# **Maintenance Collected and Arranged**

This shows the total amount of maintenance collected by the Agency and the estimated value of Maintenance Direct arrangements.

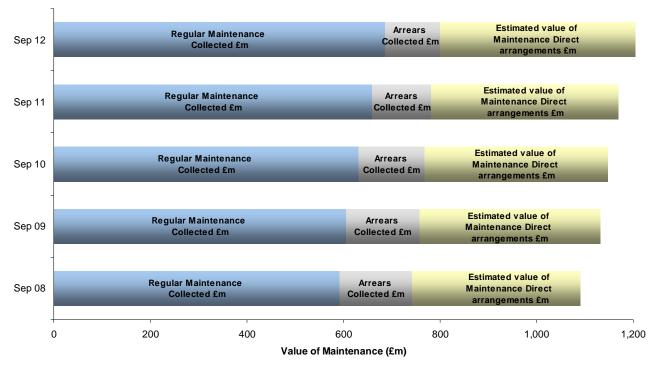
- Maintenance Collected or Arranged on a rolling 12 month basis increased to £1,204.5m. Arrears collected on a rolling 12 month basis fell to £113.2m. This is compared to a June 2012 figure of £1,194.8m, of which £115.8m was arrears and a September 2011 figure of £1,168.7m, of which £122.1m was arrears.
- In the quarter to September 2012, £305.6m was collected or arranged, of which £28.1m was arrears. This is an increase from £301.2m collected or arranged in the quarter to June 2012, of which £27.5m was arrears.

Headline collection figures are:

Rolling 12 Months
 Rolling Quarter:
 £1,204.5m of which £113.2m was arrears
 £305.6m of which £28.1m was arrears

Graph 4: Maintenance Collected and Arranged

Total Amount Collected and Arranged - Rolling 12 Months to September 2012



- Quarterly amounts of maintenance collected will not sum to the financial year figures published in the Annual Accounts as they do not include end of year adjustments.
- 2. Figures for 10/11 and 11/12 have yet to be audited and finalised.
- 3. Figures include Old Scheme cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table is based on a 5% sample.

Table 8: Maintenance Collected and Arranged: Quarterly Measure

		Of which,	Estimated value of	Total amount
Quarter	Maintenance	arrears	Maintenance Direct	collected /
Ending	Collected £m	collected £m	arrangements in place £m	arranged £m
Jun-03	146.2	15.6	55.8	202.0
Sep-03	145.3	16.0	54.5	199.8
Dec-03	142.0	15.8	53.7	195.7
Mar-04	146.7	16.4	52.8	199.5
Jun-04	144.4	16.7	52.6	197.0
Sep-04	144.0	16.8	52.7	196.7
Dec-04	143.5	17.2	53.3	196.8
Mar-05	152.8	17.5	54.9	207.7
Jun-05	148.7	19.4	56.9	205.6
Sep-05	146.5	20.5	59.0	205.5
Dec-05	149.2	20.3	61.2	210.4
Mar-06	150.3	20.6	63.8	214.1
Jun-06	150.6	21.5	67.0	217.5
Sep-06	153.9	21.1	70.6	224.5
Dec-06 Mar-07	150.6	22.8	72.7	223.4
Jun-07	159.0 158.6	25.1 27.6	73.8 76.9	232.8
Sep-07	169.5	30.4	80.4	235.5 249.9
Зер-07 Dec-07	174.0	32.6	82.9	249.9 256.8
Mar-08	182.2	35.8	85.4	267.7
Jun-08	187.6	38.8	89.0	276.6
Sep-08	197.9	41.7	90.9	288.8
Dec-08	190.1	39.4	91.9	282.0
Mar-09	191.5	38.3	92.8	284.3
Jun-09	186.8	38.0	94.3	281.1
Sep-09	189.3	36.3	94.5	283.7
Dec-09	191.5	37.3	94.4	285.9
Mar-10	196.2	35.8	94.1	290.3
Jun-10	188.9	32.3	94.6	283.5
Sep-10	191.6	31.6	95.3	286.8
Dec-10	190.2	30.0	95.3	285.5
Mar-11	198.2	31.2	96.1	294.3
Jun-11	195.6	30.2	97.4	293.0
Sep-11	197.7	30.6	98.2	295.9
Dec-11	197.6	29.0	99.3	296.9
Mar-12	199.9	28.6	100.8	300.7
Jun-12	199.0	27.5	102.2	301.2
Sep-12	202.9	28.1	102.7	305.6

- 1. The amount of maintenance collected is that collected via the CSA Collection Service and this includes both off system and system payments.
- 2. Quarterly amounts of maintenance collected will not sum to the financial year figures published in the Annual Accounts as they do not include end of year adjustments.
- 3. The value of Maintenance Direct arrangements in place shows the value of the assessments that the Agency has made i.e. the recommended amount to be paid to the parent/person with care by the non-resident parent. This value is an estimate because it is not possible to calculate, for every day of the year, the value of Maintenance Direct arrangements in place at that point in time. However, it is possible to calculate the value of weekly Maintenance Direct arrangements in place at the end of each month and derive a full monthly estimate from that.
- The estimated value of Maintenance Direct arrangements includes Maintenance Direct cases processed off system from April 2008.
- 5. Arrears collected figures include arrears of maintenance that have been linked to an arrears collection schedule. Investigations show that a proportion of arrears of maintenance collected have been incorrectly linked to a regular collection schedule and therefore classified as regular maintenance in the above table. Work is underway to correctly classify arrears collections in future publications.
- 6. In addition, collections on all cases managed off system are presumed to be regular collections rather than collections of arrears resulting in the potential under counting of arrears.

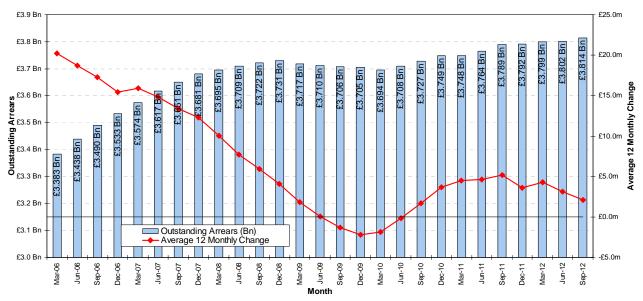
- Figures for 10/11 and 11/12 have yet to be audited and finalised.
  Figures include Old Scheme cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table for arrears collected and for maintenance direct arrangements in place is based on a 5% sample.

# **Outstanding Maintenance Arrears**

This shows the gross arrears position of non-resident parents at the end of each quarter.

 Outstanding child maintenance arrears have increased from £3.802 billion in June 2012 to £3.814 billion in September 2012.<sup>2</sup>

Graph 5: Outstanding Maintenance Arrears



- 1. Figures show the gross arrears position at the end of each quarter sourced from the Agency's General Ledger.
- Figures for 10/11 and 11/12 have yet to be audited and finalised. Following publication of the 2008/09 and 2009/10 Client Fund Accounts, outstanding arrears figures have been adjusted. See accounts publications for further detail on changes: <a href="http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120104120950/http://www.childmaintenance.org/en/pdf/CMEC-Client-Funds-Account-09-10.pdf">http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120104120950/http://www.childmaintenance.org/en/pdf/CMEC-Client-Funds-Account-09-10.pdf</a>
- 3. Adjustments have also been made from 2010/11 onwards which are yet to be agreed with National Audit Office.

## **Arrears Distribution**

This shows the proportion of cases with arrears and value of arrears by size of arrears outstanding on each case.

It should be noted that over 40% of arrears are owed to the Secretary of State and not Parents with Care. A large proportion of arrears are based on Interim Maintenance Assessments which are punitive maintenance liabilities imposed due to the non cooperation of non-resident parents in supplying information to allow a full maintenance assessment to be made.

- 58.6% of the arrears caseload owe £1,000 or less
- Arrears of over £10,000 make up 60.9% of the total value of outstanding arrears.

Table 9: Arrears Distribution

Arrears Band	Arrears Caseload (%): September 2012	Value of Arrears (%): September 2012
Under £100	19.1%	0.2%
Over £100 to £500	27.0%	2.1%
Over £500 to £1,000	12.5%	2.7%
Over £1,000 to £5,000	24.2%	17.1%
Over £5,000 to £10,000	7.9%	16.9%
Over £10,000 to £20,000	5.5%	23.2%
Over £20,000 to £50,000	3.2%	28.8%
Over £50,000	0.4%	8.9%

Figures sourced from the Agency Debt Book as maintenance arrears from the General Ledger can not be broken down by size of arrears.

<sup>2.</sup> Figures exclude cases managed off system. The Debt Book over reports the level of outstanding arrears by approximately 4%.

## **Enforcement**

This shows the total volume of enforcement actions undertaken by the Agency.

- The number of Deduction from Earnings Orders/Requests issued between April 2011 and March 2012 was 62,740. The number of Deduction from Earnings Orders/Requests have shown a gradual decrease since 2007/2008.
- The number of Lump Sum and Regular Deduction Orders authorised has continued to increase; 760 authorised during the period April 2010 to March 11 rising to 1,145 in the period April 11 to March 12.

Table 10: Enforcement

Table 10: Enforcement						Year to Date
	Apr 2007 - Mar 2008	Apr 2008 - Mar 2009	Apr 2009 - Mar 2010	Apr 2010 - Mar 2011	Apr 2011 - Mar 2012	Apr 2012 - Aug 2012
England, Wales and Scotland						-   
Civil Enforcement Actions						
Deduction from Earnings Orders/Requests (DEO/R) (1)						] ]
Total issued	74,550	66,705	64,835	63,060	62,740	24,950
Number of active DEO/R Total value received from DEO/R (£m)	153,855 277	148,385 312	140,900 299	140,125 285	141,690 288	141,865 121
Compliance at end of period (%)	76	78	82	81	82	83
Deduction Orders (2)	70	7.0	02	01	02	i
Number of Cases where disclosure requests sent	-	-	1,795	4,355	3,980	1,685
Total number of Cases deselected at disclosure stage	-	-	1,230	3,270	2,925	1,045
Number of Lump Sump Deduction Orders authorised <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	165	375	430	195
Total value of funds secured by Lump Sum Deduction Order (£)	-	-	641,390	1,346,180	1,214,250	511,910
Total value received from Lump Sum Deduction Order (£)  Number of Regular Deduction Orders authorised	-	-	378,575 170	968,035 385	1,263,465 715	419,610 265
Total value of Regular Deduction Orders authorised (£)	-	-	1,522,625	3,425,815	4,966,070	1,818,085
Total value received from Regular Deduction Order (£)	_	_	79.950	245,360	531,370	227,035
Total disclosures in progress	-	_	460	370	265	440
Liability Orders (4)						i
Number Applied for	21,175	28,360	26,830	19,365	19,390	7,755
Number Granted	17,755	24,675	23,485	18,510	17,080	6,295
Number Withdrawn / Dismissed	1,215	1,055	845	1,055	1,205	470
Distress Actions (E&W) (5)						
Number of Bailiff referrals	14,765	18,380	14,270	11,325	13,645	5,085
Charge for Payment (Scotland) (6)	4.400	0.045	4 000	880	645	225
Number Sent Number Served	1,190 950	2,015 1,805	1,320 1,195	1,150	645 655	225 225
Charging Orders (E&W) (7)	930	1,605	1,195	1,150	033	223
Number Applied for	1,735	2,480	2,800	2,210	3,235	1,030
Number Granted	1,125	1,545	1,695	1,730	2,480	1,025
Number Withdrawn	365	285	315	180	105	35
Orders for Sale (E&W) (8)						<u> </u>
Number referred for consideration	-	105	335	405	505	220
Number Withdrawn / Other closure	-	5	90	165	345	105
Full Order for Sale Granted	-	15	35	75	60	35
Number paid before Full Order for Sale	-	10	60	120	125	45
Bill of Inhibition (Scotland) (9)	4.045	4 745	900	665	405	125
Number issued Number successful	1,045 20	1,745 25	900 15	385	405 370	125
Committals (10)	20	25	13	303	370	113
Order to Pay only	90	125	115	65	40	5
Suspended Committal sentences	480	580	760	1,010	1,030	200
Committal Sentences	25	45	45	40	30	10
Suspended driving license disqualification sentences	15	45	75	165	250	40
Driving license disqualification sentences	5	5	10	30	45	5
Recovery from Deceased Estate (11)			4.5	4.040	4.440	I
Cases referred to DWP for action  Total value of debt referred to DWP (£)	-	-	15 98,840	1,040 5,721,910	1,140 5,965,445	365 2,325,980
Number of cases with debt recovered by DWP	-	-	90,040	5,721,910		2,325,960
Total value of debt recovered by DWP (£)	-	-	-	242,495	402,130	207,120
Criminal Enforcement Actions						I I I
Prosecutions (12)						Ī
Section 32(8) - Action taken for failure to implement a DEO request	-	40	100	185	85	35
Section 14(A)2 - Action taken for Misrepresenting evidence (Fraud)	-	10	30	40	55	30
Section 14(A)3 - Failure to provide evidence	-	1,390	1,610	750	415	10

Deductions from Earnings Orders/Requests (DEO/R's) are where the Agency makes a request to an employer to deduct
maintenance directly from the earnings of a non resident parent. The stock of DEO/R's and number of new DEO/R's set up

- 2. Deduction Orders are where the Agency applies to deduct maintenance directly from a non resident parent's bank/building society account, following non payment of maintenance. There are two types of deduction order, a regular deduction order which deducts a regular fixed amount in respect of either regular maintenance and/or arrears and a lump sum deduction order which initially freezes, and later deducts a lump sum amount solely in respect of arrears. A deduction order is made through an administrative process, which means an application to court is not required before the order can be made. Disclosure requests are sent to banks and building societies to obtain financial information. A disclosure request is sent to every bank/building society which holds an account attached to a case, therefore there can be multiple disclosure requests issued for each case.
- Authorised This stage of the process is where the deduction order has been approved by a senior colleague and sent to the bank/building society.
   Secured – This stage, in respect of lump sum deduction orders only, is where the interim lump sum deduction order has been sent to the bank/building society and the monies have been secured, but they have not yet been sent to the Commission.
   Deduction orders were introduced in August 2009.
- 4. A liability order is a document obtained from the court showing that they legally recognise that the debt is owed. This is the same in England, Wales and Scotland. This is required before the Agency can use litigation powers (Diligence in Scotland). A liability order is counted as applied for when a court date is assigned for the application to be made. Some cases which have had liability orders applied for are still going through the liability order process, and awaiting an outcome.
- 5. Distress actions refer to bailiff actions in England & Wales. This is where, once the debt has been legally recognised, the Agency has passed the debt to a bailiff company for collection (or equivalent). Number of Bailiff Referrals is sourced directly from external providers. Attachments refer to actions taken by Sheriff Officers in Scotland on the Agency's instruction to attach certain goods and remove for auction if the debt is not settled. An attachment notice is served directly to the NRP by a Sheriff's Officer.
- 6. A charge for payment is a Scottish action only. This is where, once the debt has been legally recognised via a Liability Order, the Agency refers the case to Sheriff Officers to serve, in person, the charge for payment to the NRP.
- 7. Charging orders in England & Wales are where a County Court Order for the legally recognised debt is attached to the equity of a non-resident parent's property. A charging order is counted as applied for at the point the application is lodged at the County Court. Some cases which have a charging order applied for are still going through the charging order process and awaiting an outcome.
- 8. Order for sale action can be taken once a final charging order has been granted against a property owned or jointly owned by the NRP. Through the Agency's external supplier action will be taken to secure payment, if full payment is not made and there is evidence of equity an application may be made to the court for an order for sale. The Agency may seek to take possession of a property if there is evidence of equity and it this action is deemed to be the most appropriate to secure the child support arrears owed. The Order for Sale process is complex and, as a result, the time taken between a referral and achieving an outcome can be a lengthy period of time. Information on Orders for Sale is only available from July 2008.
- 9. Bills of Inhibition in Scotland do not attach directly to the non-resident parent's property, but are personal prohibitions preventing heritable property being transferred, alienated or disposed of by the non-resident parent. A bill of inhibition is counted as applied for when an instruction for Inhibition is sent to the Solicitors. Some cases which have had a bill of inhibition sent for are still going through the bill of inhibition process.
- 10. An order to pay is where the Magistrate grants a custodial prison sentence, suspended on condition that the NRP makes payment. Committal information includes both actual and suspended committal sentences and driving licence disqualifications following non payment of child maintenance.
- 11. Recovery from Deceased Estates is where the Agency and parent with care seek to recover arrears of child maintenance from the estate of a non resident parent. Cases are referred to the Department for Work and Pensions to action. The difference between the number of cases referred to DWP and cases with debt recovered reflects the duration and complexity of the Recovery from Estates process. This process can take two years or more to complete for probate to be granted and the estate to be distributed. Recovery from Deceased Estates powers came into effect in January 2010.
- 12. Prosecutions involve the threat and/or the use of criminal fines where an individual or organisation commits a criminal offence under child support law. Example offences include failure to provide information requisition, misrepresentation of information, and/or failure to comply with a deduction from earnings order. Information on prosecutions is only available from April 2008.

# **Appeals**

Number of appeals and time taken to deal with appeals.

- The number of Appeals received in the year to March 2012 was 6,510 an increase of 550 on the number received the previous year but lower than the number received during 2009-2010 which was 6,750.
- The number of appeals being submitted to the Tribunal Service has reduced by 13% since March 2008 where it was 4,400.

Table 11: Appeals

						Rolling 12
		inancial Year				month period
	Apr 2007 -	Apr 2008 -	Apr 2009 -	Apr 2010 -	Apr 2011 -	Oct 2011 -
	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Sept 2012
CSA Appeals received						i
Old Scheme	3,075	2,990	2,200	1,515	1,270	1,115
Current Scheme	4,210	4,845	4,115	4,105	5,080	4,620
Departure Appeals	525	470	430	335	160	155
Total Appeals received	7,810	8,305	6,750	5,960	6,510	5,890
Outcomes						
Revised (1)	1,685	1,740	1,425	1,180	1,460	1,290
Withdrawn (2)	1,165	1,370	1,235	805	1,235	1,165
Submitted to Tribunal Service	4,400	5,250	4,040	3,885	3,840	4,050
Average time taken to clear (weeks) - Stage 1	8.5	10.7	7.5	6.9	8.7	8.3
Average time taken to revise a Maintenance calculation following a decision from The Trib	unal Service - S	Stage 3				
Average time taken in weeks	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Average time taken in days	2.3	5.9	5.2	4.2	4.2	4.3
Average time taken to clear the end to end process (weeks)	20.0	21.8	25.7	28.4	30.9	32.9
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- 1. Revised Where an original decision has been found to be incorrect during the appeals process and is revised. If the new decision is to the financial advantage of the appellant then the appeal lapses and all appeals action is complete.
- 2. Withdrawn The appellant may decide at any point during the appeal process that they no longer wish to proceed with the appeal and request it to be withdrawn.
- 3. Submitted to Tribunal Service When an application decision is disputed and is reconsidered, but the applicant is still not satisfied with the out come.
- 4. Outcomes of Appeals are published within Table 1.2d of the Tribunal Services Quarterly Summary of Statistics tables. Details can be obtained by following: <a href="http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/statistics/tribs-stats/tribs-tables-q3.xls">http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/statistics/tribs-stats/tribs-stats/tribs-tables-q3.xls</a>.

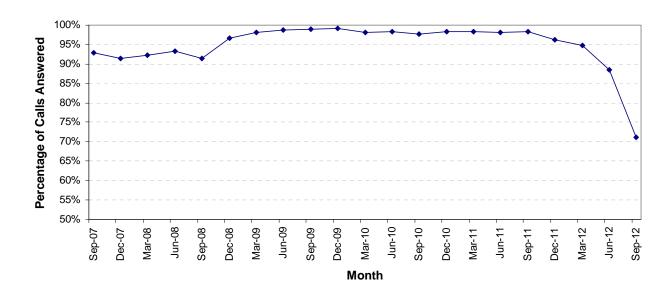
# **Telephony Performance**

This shows how quickly calls to the Agency were answered each month.

- The in month percentage of calls answered within 60 seconds was 71.0% for September 2012. This is compared to a June 2012 figure of 88.4% and the September 2011 figure of 98.2%.
- The year to date position as at September 2012 was **86.9%**. This was down on the year to date position as at June 2012 of 92.7% and the March 2012 position of 96.9%.

Graph 6: Telephony Performance

## % of calls answered in 60 seconds



<sup>1.</sup> Computer system enhancements were implemented in October 2008, with a higher proportion of calls now being routed direct to the caseworker dealing with that particular case.

<sup>2.</sup> Certain Social Media sites have been advertising alternative numbers for contacting the Child Support Agency. This has resulted in a greater number of calls being received on lines that are not resourced to cope with customer demand, and the dip in performance is attributable to this issue. A solution has been implemented which should bring performance back to expected levels next quarter.

## Annex A.

# Initial Clearance Types

This shows a breakdown by type of clearance for all Current Scheme clearances.

					Payment Sched	lule Set Up
B.6. (1)	Total	01- 7	<b>N</b> 111 1 1 1 1117	Maintenance	Payment(s)	No Payment
Month	Clearances	Closed	Nil Liability	Direct	Made	Made
Jun-03	14,600	11,600	600	600	1,600	-
Sep-03	37,900	22,800	3,200	1,600	10,000	400
Dec-03	49,400	29,500	3,900	1,900	13,500	600
Mar-04	51,600	29,900	4,300	2,100	14,600	600
Jun-04	62,300	43,200	3,800	2,100	12,800	400
Sep-04	50,900	31,300	3,600	2,400	13,300	300
Dec-04	51,100	29,200	3,700	3,500	14,500	200
Mar-05	70,000	45,200	5,100	4,500	14,900	300
Jun-05	78,800	53,100	5,300	4,900	15,100	300
Sep-05	76,500	49,500	5,500	5,500	15,700	300
Dec-05	85,200	55,300	6,200	6,400	17,000	300
Mar-06	92,800	58,300	8,000	6,800	19,300	400
Jun-06	84,700	51,800	6,500	7,600	18,500	400
Sep-06	83,200	54,400	5,600	6,900	15,900	400
Dec-06	72,900	46,100	5,500	5,600	15,300	400
Mar-07	115,400	77,100	8,700	8,100	20,800	600
Jun-07	91,000	54,400	8,000	8,300	19,700	700
Sep-07	86,700	53,600	6,900	7,700	17,900	600
Dec-07	79,100	48,400	6,300	6,900	16,900	500
Mar-08	85,400	53,600	6,600	6,800	18,100	400
Jun-08	84,700	54,100	6,000	6,600	17,500	500
Sep-08	68,200	49,300	3,100	3,700	11,700	300
Dec-08 Mar-09	42,600	26,600	2,900	2,700	10,100	300 400
Jun-09	30,700	13,400	3,100	2,700	11,000	300
Sep-09	32,300	16,300	2,500 2,600	2,700	10,500	300
Dec-09	28,100 26,500	11,200 7,900	2,700	2,600 2,900	11,500 12,700	300
Mar-10	26,300	8,100	2,700	2,800	12,700	300
Jun-10	25,400	6,800	2,700	2,900	12,700	400
Sep-10	28,200	7,300	2,800	3,500	14,100	500
Dec-10	28,900	7,200	2,800	3,900	14,500	600
Mar-11	29,600	7,600	3,100	4,300	14,100	600
Jun-11	27,500	6,900	2,500	4,200	13,200	600
Sep-11	30,800	8,000	2,800	4,700	14,500	800
Dec-11	30,700	7,400	2,600	4,800	14,900	1,100
Mar-12	30,300	7,300	2,600	4,200	14,700	1,400
Jun-12	26,700	6,400	2,000	3,700	12,900	1,700
Sep-12	29,700	6,900	2,200	4,300	9,900	6,400

- 1. Closed category includes applications closed prior to a calculation being carried out, applications where the parent with care is identified as claiming good cause or subject to a reduced benefit decision, the application is actually a change of circumstance on an existing case or where the case is closed after a calculation but prior to a first payment being made.
- 2. Nil liability includes cases where a nil liability calculation is the first calculation carried out or where a nil liability calculation is carried out prior to receipt of first payment.
- 3. Maintenance direct includes cases where the first calculation is a maintenance direct arrangement or where a maintenance direct arrangement is made prior to receipt of first payment.
- 4. Cases where no payment has yet been made will always be artificially high for the latest month of intake. These are cases where a collection schedule has been set up but the first payment may not yet be due.
- 5. Figures may not sum to clearance figures on page 15 due to rounding.

6.	These figures are subject to revision in future publications. Payment(s) made / not made figures are subject to greater degrees of revision to reflect when a first payment is received. Future revisions will reflect any new information which is received after the production of this table.

## Current Scheme Live and Assessed Caseload Status

This shows the status of all Current Scheme cases with an assessment or calculation.

	Positive Outcome Caseload						
Quarter ending:	Overall	Nil Liability	Assessed not Charging	Nil Compliant	Compliant	Maintenance Direct	Others with Receipts
Mar-03	100	-	100	-	-	-	
Jun-03	7,100	500	4,400	200	400	300	1,200
Sep-03	34,100	3,000	17,600	2,700	5,900	1,000	3,900
Dec-03	65,200	5,700	25,900	8,300	17,900	2,100	5,300
Mar-04	97,400	8,900	33,100	14,900	31,200	3,500	5,800
Jun-04	123,500	11,800	34,500	22,300	44,800	4,900	5,300
Sep-04	146,600	14,400	33,000	31,400	56,600	7,000	4,100
Dec-04	169,600	17,300	32,800	35,300	69,300	10,400	4,400
Mar-05	198,600	21,300	38,100	38,900	79,900	14,700	5,600
Jun-05	229,100	25,500	42,400	43,200	91,200	19,400	7,400
Sep-05	260,300	29,900	45,500	50,000	102,200	24,700	7,900
Dec-05	293,700	34,800	47,300	58,500	113,600	31,300	8,200
Mar-06	333,000	41,200	52,800	62,900	128,800	37,900	9,500
Jun-06	364,700	46,700	53,600	65,800	143,700	45,000	10,100
Sep-06	392,500	51,600	53,100	72,000	154,300	51,500	10,000
Dec-06	418,700	56,600	52,100	81,600	161,500	57,300	9,700
Mar-07	460,700	64,300	57,800	91,200	172,400	64,400	10,600
Jun-07	497,600	71,000	59,400	99,300	185,100	71,800	11,100
Sep-07	529,900	77,000	62,300	105,400	195,000	78,200	11,900
Dec-07	556,700	82,500	62,800	116,600	198,700	84,500	11,500
Mar-08	585,200	88,100	60,800	116,000	216,300	92,300	11,800
Jun-08	631,500	93,800	59,500	121,400	246,300	98,900	11,700
Sep-08	645,000	96,900	55,300	121,200	256,000	102,000	13,600
Dec-08	656,200	99,800	58,000	132,200	247,500	105,000	13,800
Mar-09	666,100	103,200	55,200	116,100	265,500	110,900	15,400
Jun-09	674,000	107,000	53,800	105,700	276,100	114,700	16,800
Sep-09	680,400	100,000	50,800	108,000	286,500	116,300	18,700
Dec-09 Mar-10	691,200 707,400	101,600 102,600	44,600 46,500	107,300 97,400	298,400 315,600	119,700 123,200	19,600 22,100
Jun-10	707,400	102,800	45,700	102,300	321,200	125,500	22,100
Sep-10	721,300	104,400	47,600	102,300	327,200	127,500	22,300
Эер-10 Dec-10	753,400	100,300	44,500	116,600	331,300	130,800	22,100
Mar-11	769,200	100,100	42,200	110,200	346,200	135,100	25,900
Jun-11	781,500	111,600	40,800	112,500	352,500	137,900	26,200
Sep-11	795,000	112,800	37,600	116,800	362,700	140,400	24,800
Dec-11	808,700	113,400	33,300	119,600	375,400	144,300	22,700
Mar-12	818,000	114,700	30,100	113,600	388,000	149,000	22,500
Jun-12	826,200	116,400	29,100	113,200	393,100	151,500	23,000
Sep-12	839,300	117,000	29,300	119,900	395,100	154,400	23,600
00p 12	000,000	117,000	25,550	110,000	555,100	104,400	20,000

- 1. Figures from April 2008 reflect the performance of cases managed off system and cases where a payment has been made manually as well as cases on the CS2 computer system.
- 2. Figures include Current Scheme cases with a full maintenance calculation or default maintenance decision.
- 3. Cases are classed as compliant if they are currently open, classed as collection service cases at the end of the month, and have been charged and paid money via the collection service (either regular maintenance and/or arrears) over the preceding quarter.
- 4. Cases are classed as assessed and not charging (that is to say they have a positive liability but no active charging schedule is in place) if they have this status at the end of the quarter, and there have been no charges or receipts via the collection service over the period.
- 5. "Nii liability" means that no payments were expected on the case and "Nil compliant" means that payments were expected but none were received.
- 6. Cases are classed as maintenance direct if this is their status at the end of the quarter.

## Old Scheme Live and Assessed Caseload Status

This shows the status of all Old Scheme cases with an assessment or calculation.

	Positive Outcome Caseload						
Quarter	Overall	Nil Liability	Assessed not	Nil Compliant	Compliant	Maintenance	Others with
ending:		1411 Elability	Charging	itii Compilant	Compilant	Direct	Receipts
Mar-03	995,000	456,700	52,600	107,300	284,900	91,500	1,900
Jun-03	985,400	457,000	54,400	103,300	276,500	90,300	3,800
Sep-03	965,600	447,600	54,300	104,500	267,200	88,100	3,900
Dec-03	935,400	436,700	47,000	104,600	259,100	84,900	3,100
Mar-04	910,200	423,400	42,900	105,300	252,800	82,600	3,200
Jun-04	893,500	415,800	41,900	105,600	246,200	80,800	3,200
Sep-04	880,600	406,800	45,900	104,900	239,900	79,800	3,300
Dec-04	868,300	389,700	62,300	102,400	230,100	80,100	3,800
Mar-05	855,500	390,700	59,300	102,000	220,400	78,800	4,400
Jun-05	845,000	388,600	63,000	96,200	213,300	78,500	5,400
Sep-05	831,100	383,800	64,100	93,300	207,500	77,000	5,400
Dec-05	816,400	378,300	66,100	88,400	202,100	76,000	5,600
Mar-06	800,400	372,500	69,400	80,300	197,100	75,000	6,100
Jun-06	788,200	369,600	73,000	73,900	191,300	74,100	6,200
Sep-06	775,600	364,800	73,100	72,400	185,500	73,700	6,100
Dec-06	747,600	357,900	59,700	74,800	178,500	70,300	6,500
Mar-07	720,300	349,400	50,000	73,200	172,100	67,800	7,800
Jun-07	707,600	341,400	51,100	71,300	167,200	67,200	9,500
Sep-07	694,700	334,900	51,000	67,200	163,800	66,400	11,300
Dec-07	669,700	330,800	41,600	62,800	157,500	64,100	13,000
Mar-08	651,800	324,400	41,000	59,100	153,400	61,700	12,300
Jun-08	632,100	317,200	37,700	55,500	150,500	59,800	11,500
Sep-08	620,200	312,600	37,200	53,700	146,100	58,800	11,800
Dec-08	607,300	306,200	37,700	52,300	141,700	57,800	11,500
Mar-09	578,800	300,800	27,200	49,100	136,600	54,500	10,700
Jun-09	560,400	291,600	26,900	45,300	132,600	53,700	10,200
Sep-09	538,700	285,100	21,500	43,100	127,700	51,300	10,000
Dec-09	521,900	279,600	19,500	41,100	122,900	49,700	9,100
Mar-10 Jun-10	443,300	208,200	10,800	37,600	126,000	46,600	14,200
	429,500	203,200 193,500	10,200 10,100	36,600	121,400 118,100	45,400 44,500	12,600
Sep-10	415,600 398,800	189,800	9,500	35,700 36,200	110,000	41,000	13,700 12,300
Dec-10 Mar-11		174,300	8,700		108,000	39,000	14,300
Jun-11	376,500 362,000	169,700	8,600	32,100 30,900	108,000	37,500	13,000
	362,000 347,600	157,900	•	•	•	37,500 35,900	14,000
Sep-11 Dec-11	347,600	157,900	7,900 7,700	31,400 32,000	100,500 94,200	35,900 34,400	12,800
Mar-12	310,400	140,800	5,900	27,400	94,200	32,700	13,100
Jun-12	292,000	137,100	5,200	20,700	85,700	31,200	12,100
Sep-12	274,600	124,100	4,800	20,700	83,000	29,300	12,100
3ep-12	214,000	124,100	4,000	20,000	03,000	29,300	12,000

- 1. Figures from April 2008 reflect the performance of cases managed off system and cases where a payment has been made manually as well as cases on the CS2 and CSCS computer systems.
- 2. Figures include Old Scheme cases with a full or interim maintenance assessment.
- 3. Cases are classed as compliant if they are currently open, classed as collection service cases at the end of the month, and have been charged and paid money via the collection service (either regular maintenance and/or arrears) over the preceding quarter.
- 4. Cases are classed as assessed and not charging (that is to say they have a positive liability but no active charging schedule is in place) if they have this status at the end of the quarter, and there have been no charges or receipts via the collection service over the period.
- 5. "Nil liability" means that no payments were expected on the case and "Nil compliant" means that payments were expected but none were received.
- 6. Cases are classed as maintenance direct if this is their status at the end of the quarter.
- 7. A drop in the caseload can be seen from January 2010 which can be attributed to the removal of suspended cases on the CSCS computer system as outlined in the general notes section.
- 8. Figures include Old Scheme cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table is based on a 5% sample.

# **Current Scheme Cases/Children Benefiting from Maintenance**

This shows the number of Current Scheme cases from which a payment was received or which had a maintenance direct arrangement in place over a 3 month period and the number of children benefiting from such a payment or arrangement.

	Current Scheme Cases - in which:							
Quarter	Maintenance	Positive	% with	Children				
ending:	due	outcome	positive	benefiting from				
		GutGomio	outcome	maintenance				
Mar-03	100	-	-	-				
Jun-03	6,500	1,900	29.2	3,000				
Sep-03	31,100	10,800	34.7	16,400				
Dec-03	59,500	25,300	42.5	37,800				
Mar-04	88,500	40,500	45.8	60,000				
Jun-04	111,700	55,000	49.2	81,200				
Sep-04	132,200	67,700	51.2	98,900				
Dec-04 Mar-05	152,300 177,300	84,100 100,200	55.2 56.5	121,700 144,400				
Jun-05	203,600	117,900	57.9	168,900				
Sep-05	230,400	134,800	58.5	192,500				
Dec-05	258,900	153,100	59.1	217,500				
Mar-06	291,800	176,200	60.4	249,900				
Jun-06	318,100	198,700	62.5	281,900				
Sep-06	340,900	215,900	63.3	305,200				
Dec-06	362,100	228,400	63.1	322,100				
Mar-07	396,400	247,400	62.4	347,500				
Jun-07	426,600	268,000	62.8	375,500				
Sep-07	452,800	285,100	63.0	397,700				
Dec-07	474,200	294,700	62.1	410,700				
Mar-08	497,200	320,400	64.4	445,600				
Jun-08	537,700	356,900	66.4	494,700				
Sep-08	548,100	371,600	67.8	513,300				
Dec-08	556,400	366,200	65.8	501,300				
Mar-09	563,000	391,700	69.6	534,800				
Jun-09	567,000	407,600	71.9	555,900				
Sep-09	580,400	421,500	72.6	572,800				
Dec-09	589,600	437,700	74.2	594,400				
Mar-10	604,800	460,900	76.2	624,300				
Jun-10	616,900	469,000	76.0	636,900				
Sep-10	632,100	477,000	75.5	643,600				
Dec-10	645,300	484,200	75.0	652,300				
Mar-11	659,600	507,200	76.9	681,100				
Jun-11	669,800	516,600	77.1	693,400				
Sep-11	682,200	527,800	77.4	704,900				
Dec-11	695,300	542,400	78.0	723,000				
Mar-12	703,300	559,500	79.6	746,400				
Jun-12	709,800	567,600 573,100	80.0	757,200 761,000				
Sep-12	722,300	573,100	79.3	761,900				

<sup>1.</sup> Figures from April 2008 reflect the performance of cases managed off system and cases where a payment has been made manually as well as cases on the CS2 computer system.

<sup>2.</sup> While it has been possible to include the performance of cases managed off system at Agency level since October 2006, it has only been possible to provide a scheme split from April 2009. Therefore figures in this Annex will differ from the Agency figures in the main publication.

<sup>3.</sup> Cases are counted as having a positive maintenance outcome if they have received a payment via the collection service in the quarter or have a maintenance direct agreement in place. Cases are classed as maintenance direct if this is their status at the end of the quarter.

# Old Scheme Cases/Children Benefiting from Maintenance

This shows the number of Old Scheme cases from which a payment was received or which had a maintenance direct arrangement in place over a 3 month period and the number of children benefiting from such a payment or arrangement.

	Old Scheme Cases - in which:					
Quarter	Maintenance	Positive	% with	Children		
ending:	due	outcome	positive	benefiting from		
			outcome	maintenance		
Mar-03	538,300	378,300	70.3	548,100		
Jun-03	528,300	370,600	70.1	536,100		
Sep-03	518,100	359,200	69.3	517,900		
Dec-03	498,700	347,200	69.6	496,700		
Mar-04	486,800	338,700	69.6	477,600		
Jun-04	477,600	330,200	69.1	461,500		
Sep-04	473,800	323,100	68.2	449,300		
Dec-04	478,600	313,900	65.6	433,200		
Mar-05	464,800	303,600	65.3	416,600		
Jun-05	456,400	297,200	65.1	405,800		
Sep-05	447,300	290,000	64.8	393,900		
Dec-05	438,100	283,700	64.8	382,100		
Mar-06	427,900	278,200	65.0	373,100		
Jun-06	418,500	271,600	64.9	362,600		
Sep-06	410,900	265,300	64.6	351,500		
Dec-06	389,700	255,200	65.5	334,600		
Mar-07	371,000	247,700	66.8	323,000		
Jun-07	366,300	243,900	66.6	315,200		
Sep-07	359,800	241,600	67.1 69.2	309,100		
Dec-07 Mar-08	338,900	234,600	69.4	295,600		
Jun-08	327,400	227,300	70.4	284,800		
Sep-08	315,000 307,600	221,800 216,700	70. <del>4</del> 70.5	276,600 268,300		
Dec-08	301,100	211,100	70.5 70.1	258,300		
Mar-09	278,000	201,800	70.1	245,700		
Jun-09	268,900	196,600	73.1	238,000		
Sep-09	253,600	189,000	74.5	226,500		
Dec-09	242,300	181,700	75.0	215,400		
Mar-10	235,200	186,800	79.4	221,400		
Jun-10	226,200	179,400	79.3	212,300		
Sep-10	222,000	176,200	79.4	207,200		
Dec-10	209,000	163,300	78.1	189,500		
Mar-11	202,100	161,300	79.8	186,700		
Jun-11	192,300	152,800	79.5	175,300		
Sep-11	189,800	150,500	79.3	171,200		
Dec-11	181,000	141,400	78.1	159,600		
Mar-12	169,600	136,300	80.4	153,300		
Jun-12	154,800	128,900	83.3	143,600		
Sep-12	150,500	125,100	83.1	137,500		

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- 3. Cases are counted as having a positive maintenance outcome if they have received a payment via the collection service in the quarter or have a maintenance direct agreement in place. Cases are classed as maintenance direct if this is their status at the end of the quarter.
- 4. Figures include Old Scheme cases held on the CSCS computer system. CSCS data included in this table is based on a 5% sample.

# Reasons for Case Closure Following Calculation

This shows a breakdown by reason for closure for all Current Scheme closures (including cancelled/withdrawn cases) following calculation.

Quarter Ending	Total Closures following Calculation	Application not pursued by Applicant	Application Not Eligible / No Longer Valid	Application Superseded	Reconciliation	Other
Jun-03	100	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	600	400	100	-	100	-
Dec-03	1,500	1,000	200	100	200	-
Mar-04	2,400	1,500	300	100	400	100
Jun-04	2,300	1,400	400	100	400	100
Sep-04	2,600	1,400	600	100	400	100
Dec-04	2,600	1,300	700	100	500	100
Mar-05	2,700	1,200	700	200	600	100
Jun-05	2,800	1,100	800	200	600	100
Sep-05	3,100	1,100	1,000	200	700	200
Dec-05	3,700	1,200	1,400	200	700	200
Mar-06	4,200	1,300	1,500	200	900	300
Jun-06	4,100	1,200	1,400	200	1,000	400
Sep-06	4,800	1,400	1,800	200	1,000	400
Dec-06	5,000	1,500	2,100	200	1,000	200
Mar-07	5,700	1,600	2,200	400	1,200	300
Jun-07	6,000	1,700	2,300	500	1,200	300
Sep-07	6,700	1,800	2,800	600	1,100	300
Dec-07	6,400	1,700	2,800	500	1,000	300
Mar-08	7,200	2,000	3,000	600	1,300	400
Jun-08	7,300	2,000	3,000	600	1,200	400
Sep-08	7,700	1,700	3,700	600	1,100	600
Dec-08	12,300	5,100	4,900	400	1,300	600
Mar-09	12,800	5,900	4,300	400	1,600	600
Jun-09	11,000	5,100	3,600	200	1,500	600
Sep-09	13,000	4,900	6,200	200	1,300	500
Dec-09	9,400	4,000	3,800	100	1,000	400
Mar-10	9,400	4,400	3,400	100	1,000	500
Jun-10	7,500	3,200	3,000	100	800	400
Sep-10	8,900	2,900	4,600	-	900	400
Dec-10	9,300	3,200	4,900	-	700	400
Mar-11	10,300	3,800	4,800	-	1,100	600
Jun-11	8,500	3,300	3,900	-	800	500
Sep-11	11,400	3,300	6,700	-	800	600
Dec-11	10,600	3,400	5,900	-	800	500
Mar-12	10,200	3,900	5,000	-	800	400
Jun-12	8,600	3,100	4,400	-	700	400
Sep-12	10,700	3,500	6,100	-	600	400

- A closure is defined under the following circumstances; an application has been cancelled or withdrawn, a parent with care has been identified as claiming Good Cause or is subject to a Reduced Benefit Decision; or the application has been closed or terminated.
- Closures as above, though completed by case worker, can be initiated by either the system or the user themselves. Where case
  workers initiate closures, the closure reason is selected from a pre-defined list. As this is subjective, in some instances the
  selected reason may not reflect the actual reason for closure.
- Figures do not include performance of cases processed off system.
- 4. Figures only include cases closed after a maintenance calculation has taken place.
- 5. The figures in this table are subject to revision in future publications. Future revisions will reflect any new information which is received after the production of this table.
- 6. A change in legislation in October 2008 removed the compulsion for parents with care on income based benefit (Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance (Income Based)) to pursue a claim for child support through the Agency. After this date, it is expected that some parents with care will opt to end their child support claim with CSA.

# Further Information.

For further details, visit: <a href="http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=csa">http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=csa</a>