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NON-DOMESTIC RATES REVALUATION APPEALS STATISTICS SCOTLAND, 2015-16 QUARTER 4

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Introduction

Non-Domestic Rates in Scotland are directly proportional to the rateable values of individual non-domestic properties. Periodically there is a statutory revaluation process which revises these rateable values, and the revaluation appeals process allows ratepayers to appeal against the new rateable values.

This publication provides quarterly statistics on the progress and results of **revaluation appeals** following the 2010 Revaluation. Running Roll (material change of circumstances) appeals are not included in these statistics.

Further information on Non-Domestic Rates can be found in the background notes.

Key points (as at 31 March 2016):

- Revaluation appeals have been resolved for 66,630 properties, which is 99% of the 67,026 properties for which a revaluation appeal was lodged. This is similar to the rate at which revaluation appeals against the 2005 Revaluation were resolved (99%).
- The original rateable value (RV) of the properties for which revaluation appeals have been resolved is £4,776m, which represents 97% of the rateable values of properties for which a revaluation appeal was lodged (£4,946m). This is similar to the rate of resolved RV for appealed subjects in the 2005 Revaluation at this stage (97%).
- As a result of revaluation appeals, the rateable value of properties for which revaluation appeals have been resolved has reduced from approximately £4,776m to £4,537m, a drop of £239m in rateable value (which equates to approx £115m billed in 2015-16).

Table 1: 2010 Revaluation appeals resolved by 31 March 2016

	Appealed	Resolved	Percentage resolved
Number of properties	67,026	66,630	99%
Rateable Value	£4,946m	£4,776m	97%

Notes:

Total RV of all non-domestic properties (including those not under appeal) on 1 April 2010 was £6.6bn

Table 1 shows that revaluation appeals have been resolved for 99% of non-domestic properties for which a revaluation appeal was lodged. The date by which appeals heard by valuation appeal panels were due to be resolved is now past (31 December 2013). Valuation appeals which could not be successfully resolved by valuation appeal panels were submitted to the higher Lands Tribunal or Lands Valuation Appeals Court for resolution, and these cases constitute the relatively small number of outstanding appeals (396 properties).

The RV of the properties for which the revaluation appeals have been resolved is £4,776m, which is 97% of the total RV of properties which lodged a revaluation appeal.

For resolved revaluation appeals, the percentage of properties resolved is higher than the percentage of RV resolved because many of the resolved appeals were for small and medium sized enterprises.

Table 2: Change in Rateable Value (RV) of resolved revaluation appeals

Original RV of resolved appeals	Revised RV	Change in RV
£4,776m	£4,537m	£239m

Notes:

As at 31 March 2016

Row may not sum exactly due to rounding

Table 2 shows that, as a result of revaluation appeals, the rateable value of non-domestic properties for which revaluation appeals have been resolved has reduced by approximately £239m. This equates to around £115m in non-domestic rates billed in 2015-16, assuming a poundage of 48.0p (see background notes).

Chart 1: Resolution of revaluation appeals for 2005 & 2010 Revaluations

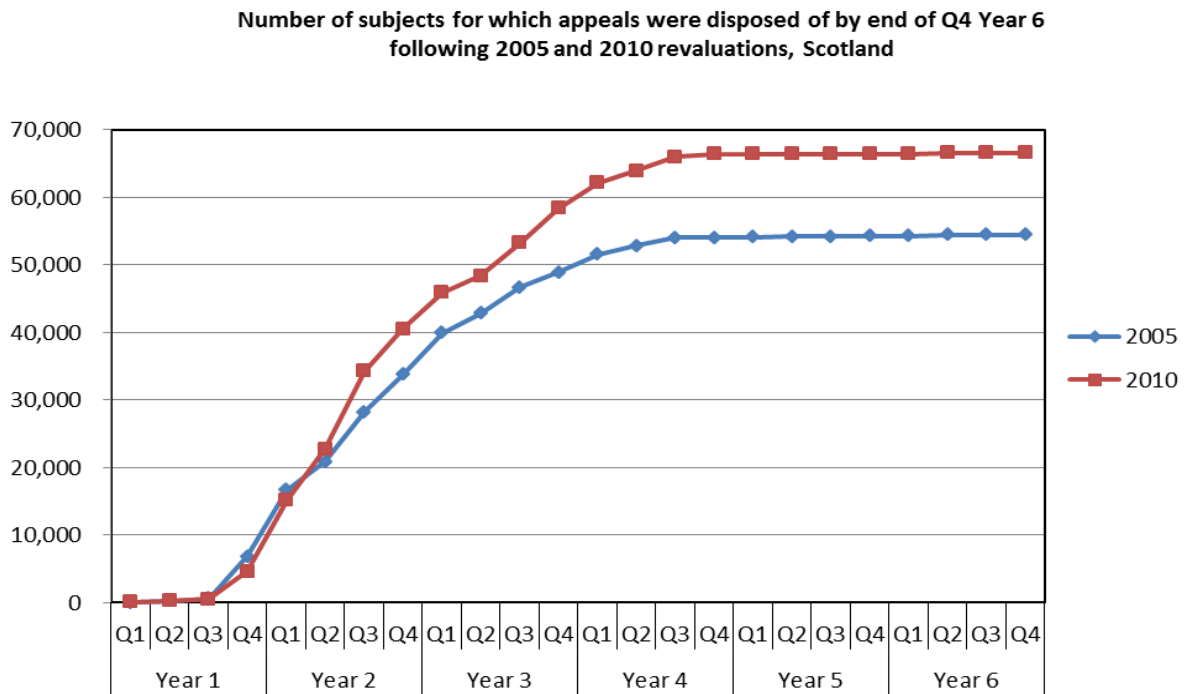
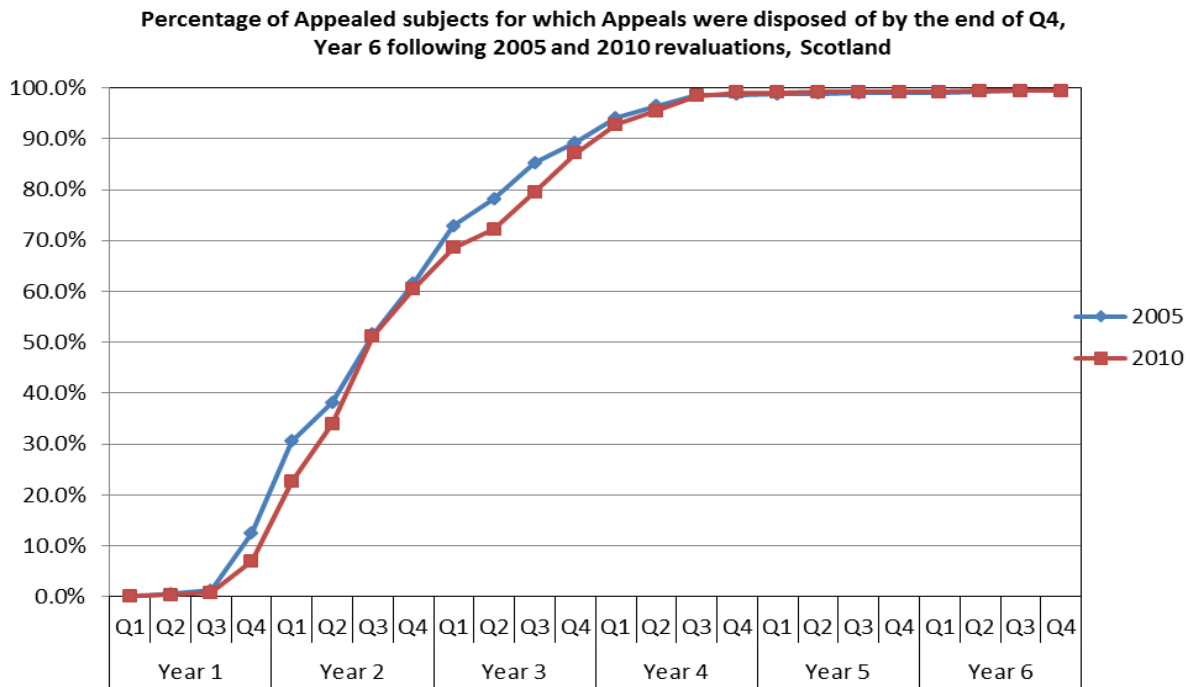


Chart 1 compares how quickly revaluation appeals have been resolved for the 2010 and 2005 revaluations. To date, 2010 revaluation appeals have been resolved at a similar percentage rate to those for 2005.

The number of properties for which revaluation appeals have been resolved for 2010 revaluation is higher than at the same stage for 2005 revaluation (66,630 compared to 54,493), but the percentage is very similar (both 99%) due to the higher number of revaluation appeals in 2010 (67,026 compared to 54,808 in 2005).

Table 3: Resolved and outstanding 2010 revaluation appeals by valuation joint board (VJB) and local authority area, as at 31 March 2016

Local Authority / VJB	Percentage resolved by 31 March 2016	Number resolved by 31 March 2016	Outstanding appealed properties
East Ayrshire	99.2%	1,180	10
North Ayrshire	98.7%	1,335	17
South Ayrshire	99.0%	1,315	13
Ayrshire VJB	99.0%	3,830	40
Clackmannanshire	99.0%	815	8
Falkirk	99.1%	1,464	13
Stirling	99.0%	1,218	12
Central VJB	99.1%	3,497	33
Dumfries & Galloway	99.4%	2,096	13
Argyll and Bute	98.6%	1,494	21
East Dunbartonshire	99.0%	795	8
West Dunbartonshire	98.9%	921	10
Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute	98.8%	3,210	39
Fife	99.6%	4,870	20
Glasgow	99.9%	9,773	14
Aberdeen City	99.6%	3,352	14
Aberdeenshire	99.2%	2,909	23
Moray	98.0%	839	17
Grampian VJB	99.2%	7,100	54
Highland	99.4%	3,972	22
Eilean Siar	95.9%	279	12
Highland & Western Isles VJB	99.2%	4,251	34
North Lanarkshire	99.7%	4,045	13
South Lanarkshire	99.6%	2,911	13
Lanarkshire VJB	99.6%	6,956	26
East Lothian	99.1%	1,031	9
Edinburgh	99.8%	6,703	11
Midlothian	98.7%	895	12
West Lothian	99.5%	1,718	8
Lothian VJB	99.6%	10,347	40
Orkney	100.0%	163	0
Shetland	100.0%	163	0
Orkney & Shetland VJB	100.0%	326	0
East Renfrewshire	99.4%	473	3
Inverclyde	98.7%	925	12
Renfrewshire	99.1%	1,971	17
Renfrewshire VJB	99.1%	3,369	32
Scottish Borders	99.1%	1,393	12
Angus	98.8%	1,207	15
Dundee City	99.7%	2,345	8
Perth & Kinross	99.2%	2,060	16
Tayside VJB	99.3%	5,612	39
SCOTLAND	99.4%	66,630	396

Note – specific VJBs have responsibility for specific utilities:

Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire)

Table 3 shows the percentage of appeals resolved and number outstanding for each VJB. It should be noted that for VJBs also responsible for specific utilities, appeals include Scotland-wide data for the specified utilities sector.

BACKGROUND NOTES

Data Sources

The data in this publication are derived from the RVAPP (Rateable Value Appeals) statistical return which the Scottish Assessors provide to the Scottish Government on a quarterly basis. The continued co-operation of the Scottish Assessors in completing these returns is gratefully acknowledged.

Definitions

Non-domestic rates are a property based tax. They are based on the **rateable value** of a non-domestic (business) property, multiplied by a **poundage** set nationally by Scottish Ministers (48.0p in 2015-16), less any relief to which a ratepayer may be eligible.

For example, if a non-domestic property has a rateable value of £20,000, and the poundage is 48.0p (2015-16 level), the annual bill would be:

Non-domestic rates bill = £20,000 x 0.48 = £9,600 (before reliefs)

Further Information

More information on Non-Domestic Rates, including appeals procedures and reliefs, can be found in the Scottish Government's 'Brief Guide to Non-Domestic Rates' at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/17999/11199/brief-guide>

Statistics on Non-Domestic Rates Relief can be found at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Local-Government-Finance/NDR-Rates-Relief>

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