

Appendix 1 – Housing Benefit Fraud Caseload Summary as at February 2013

Housing Benefit Fraud Case Referrals	April 2012 - Date	April 2011 - March 2012	April 2010 - March 2011
Referrals Received in current year	19	25	20
Cases carried over from previous years	20	18	17
Total	39	43	37
Comprising			
Cases currently under investigation	10	12	15
Cases referred to DWP solicitors	0	2	2
Cases referred to City Solicitors	1	4	0
Cases subject to benefit entitlement re-assessment	4	2	1
Cases subject to Admin Penalty Action	2	0	0
Total number of live cases¹	17	20	18
Successful prosecutions	5	3	3
Successful Cautions	1	1	0
Successful Admin Penalties	0	1	3
Cases where fraud proven but no further action taken	4	3	0
Cases closed with no further action	12	15	13
Total number of closed cases	22	23	19
Total	39	43	37
Total value of HB/ CTB overpayments relating to the investigated cases detailed above²	£67,994	£70,558	£33,889
Notes:			
¹ Total claim base approximately 1100 individuals			
² Total value of benefit payments per annum circa £5.7m			