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## CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

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The CSA is responsible for tracing Non-resident Parents. It works out how much maintenance they should pay, collects and enforces payments.

Before the release of the Quarterly Summary of Statistics on 25 January 2007, an error was found in the draft table relating to Enforcement Processes Undertaken (Table 21). Revised figures are being released today.

#### Main Findings

- The total number of enforcement processes undertaken is continuing to rise. Revised figures for 2005/06 show a 61% increase against 2004/05.
- Figures for the latest twelve month period (Nov 2005 – Oct 2006) also show increasing numbers of processes undertaken (although a direct comparison with previous periods is not possible)

The replacement table can be found at:

[http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/child\\_support/csa\\_quarterly\\_dec06.asp](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/child_support/csa_quarterly_dec06.asp)

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## Notes to Editors

Launched on 5 April 1993, the Child Support Agency (CSA) is an executive agency of the Department for Work and Pensions, set up to implement the Child Support Act 1991 and operate the new child maintenance system in Great Britain (there is a separate but parallel agency for Northern Ireland). The CSA is responsible for tracing Non-resident Parents, working out how much maintenance they should pay, and can collect and enforce payments

Prior to 3 March 2003, CSA stored information on the Child Support Computer System (CSCS). Since the introduction of the new computer system (CS2) on that date, all new Child Support applications have been assessed under a new scheme on the new system

## Revisions

These errors have occurred because of:

- flaws in the Management Information system used by the Enforcement area of Child Support Agency.
- the retrospective input of actions some time after the events have taken place

A detailed technical note on the reasons for the changes in the enforcement table can be found at:  
[http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/child\\_support/csa\\_quarterly\\_dec06.asp](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/child_support/csa_quarterly_dec06.asp)