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### **LEAP IN TRIBUNAL AWARDS**

The number of tribunal awards registered during the first quarter of the year rose by a half compared to Q1 2017, according to figures released today by Registry Trust.

Registry Trust is the Registrar of Judgments, Orders and Fines in England and Wales (on behalf of the Ministry of Justice). In addition, it collects, verifies and publishes judgment information from jurisdictions throughout the British Isles and Ireland.

Sixty-seven tribunal awards were issued during Q1 2018, 21 more than during Q1 2017.

Despite rising in number, the average tribunal award dropped in value by almost a quarter.

As a result of these changes, the total value of tribunal awards stood at £214,416 for the quarter, 11 percent higher than Q1 2017's total value.

Registry Trust runs the "FastTrack" service for the Ministry of Justice. FastTrack offers winners of ACAS settlements and employment tribunal awards the opportunity to have their debt enforced by an authorised High Court Enforcement Officer (HCEO). If a defendant refuses to pay out on an issued award, FastTrack is the mechanism in place to instruct a HCEO to enforce an award. There are many reasons why companies refuse or fail to pay awards: well under half are paid in full.

Malcolm Hurlston CBE, chairman of Registry Trust said: "It is sensible for people who win at tribunal to think early about getting help through FastTrack which works effectively in their interest."

In 117 of 277 cases during the three quarters of 2017, where HCEOs were allocated via FastTrack, HCEOs were able to gather payment where the defendant had otherwise not paid.

In Q1 2018 Registry Trust received 56,881 requests to search the register for England and Wales online at [www.trustonline.org.uk](http://www.trustonline.org.uk). TrustOnline allows anyone to search for judgments and similar information registered against consumers and businesses in jurisdictions across the British Isles and Ireland.

Ends

## **Statistics**

- Business and consumer tribunal awards Q1 2018 (compared with Q1 2017)
  - Total number: 67 (up 21)
  - Total value: £214,416 (up 11 percent)
  - Average value: £3,200 (down 24 percent)
  - Median: £1,022 (down 49 percent)
  
- Businesses tribunal awards Q1 2018
  - Total number: 37 (up 30)
  - Total value: £158,062 (up 1,074 percent)
  - Average value: £4,272 (up 122 percent)
  - Median: £2,619 (up 31 percent)
  
- Consumer tribunal awards Q1 2018
  - Total number: 30 (down 9)
  - Total value: £56,354 (down 69 percent)
  - Average value: £1,878 (down 59 percent)
  - Median: £928 (up one percent)

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## **Notes for editors**

Registry Trust is the Registrar for Judgments, Orders and Fines in England and Wales on behalf of the Ministry of Justice. As well as tribunal awards, the Register includes county court judgments, high court judgments, CSA liability orders and fine defaults.

There is no minimum employment tribunal award value for instructing an High Court Enforcement Officer to enforce an award. There is a court fee payable to HMCTS of £66 for the writ. This is recoverable from the defendant, as well as the enforcement fees and judgment interest at 8% (calculated daily). If enforcement is unsuccessful, the award winner will have nothing more to pay beyond the £66 court fee.

Tribunal awards are only removed from the Register if they were entered in error, paid before court action or paid within one calendar month from the date of award. Otherwise they remain on the Register for six years.

Anyone may search for entries against a named person or business at a stated address or a corporate body in Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland by visiting Registry Trust's website [www.trustonline.org.uk](http://www.trustonline.org.uk) or by writing to Registry Trust, 153-157 Cleveland Street, London W1T 6QW.

To view the full set of annual statistics, visit [www.trustonline.org.uk/press](http://www.trustonline.org.uk/press). For more information about Registry Trust's aims, structure and accountability as well as

information about its range of information beyond the Register of Judgments visit [www.registry-trust.org.uk](http://www.registry-trust.org.uk).