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(Attn: Ms Betty Fong)

Dear Ms Fong,

**Statistics Relating to Maintenance Payments**

Thank you for your letter of 29 December 2009 requesting for statistics relating to maintenance payments. Further to my letter of 29 December 2009, I set out the Judiciary's reply as follows -

(a) Number of applicants for maintenance orders

The Judiciary does not keep such statistics.

(b) Number of reported cases of default in maintenance payments and the reasons for the default in these cases by category

The Judiciary does not keep such statistics.

(c) Number of cases in (b) where legal procedures have been / are being taken for the recovery of the arrears, and the average time required for such procedures

If a paying party who is ordered by the Court to make payment (including maintenance payment) is in default of payment, the receiving party may take out enforcement

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proceedings to enforce the judgment/order. The enforcement proceedings include Judgment Summons (J/S), Charging Order, Garnishee Order, Writ of Fieri Facias and Attachment of Income Order (AIO). The receiving parties in matrimonial and family cases will usually take out J/S in the Family Court to enforce the arrears of maintenance. The following tables set out the statistics on J/S and AIO. The Judiciary does not keep the statistics for other enforcement proceedings.

The numbers of hearings of J/S to enforce arrears of maintenance in the past three years are as follows -

Year	No. of J/S hearings
2007	1,076
2008	943
2009	1,165

It should be noted that in some cases, more than one J/S may be taken out to enforce arrears for different periods.

The numbers of AIO applications and AIO made in the past three years are as follows -

Year	No. of AIO application	No. of AIO made
2007	29	17
2008	39	30
2009	25	23

There are no readily available statistics on the time required.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Clara Tang)  
for Judiciary Administration