



# ISI Statistics Quarter 1 2021



**ISI**  
**Tackling problem debt together**

# Insolvency Service of Ireland

## Quarter 1 2021

---

### Table of Contents

1	Foreword .....	4
2	Case Management – DRN, DSA, PIA .....	5
3	Outcome of Protective Certificates .....	6
4	Qualifying Debt – DRN, DSA, PIA .....	8
5	Applicant Profile – DRN, DSA, PIA (from 2013 Q4 to 2020 Q4) .....	9
6	Bankruptcy .....	10
7	Appendix 1 .....	11
7.1	Table: Case Management	11
7.2	Table: Bankruptcy	12
7.3	Table: Regulation	13

***THE DEBT RELIEF NOTICE (DRN) PROVIDES FOR THE WRITE-OFF OF QUALIFYING DEBT UP TO €35,000 SUBJECT TO A 3-YEAR SUPERVISION PERIOD.***

***THE DEBT SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENT (DSA) PROVIDES FOR THE AGREED SETTLEMENT OF UNSECURED DEBT WITH NO LIMITS INVOLVED OVER A PERIOD OF UP TO 5 YEARS.***

***THE PERSONAL INSOLVENCY ARRANGEMENT (PIA) PROVIDES FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OR SETTLEMENT OF SECURED DEBT UP TO €3M (UNLESS ALL SECURED CREDITORS CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF A HIGHER AMOUNT) AND THE SETTLEMENT OF UNSECURED DEBT OVER A PERIOD OF UP TO 6 YEARS.***

***IN THE CASE OF A DSA OR PIA, AFTER A PROTECTIVE CERTIFICATE ISSUES, PERSONAL INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS (PIPS) WILL HAVE 70 DAYS IN WHICH TO DEVELOP AN ARRANGEMENT.***

# 1 Foreword

---

I am pleased to publish the statistical report of the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI) covering the first quarter of 2021. Key statistics for Quarter 1 2021 are as follows:

- 283 New cases submitted
- 270 Protective Certificates
- 323 Arrangements approved
- 74 Bankruptcies

Activity has been significantly impacted by the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic with protective certificates and insolvency arrangements for 2020 down 29% and 15% respectively overall compared to 2019. For Q1 2021 protective certificates and insolvency arrangements are down 36.5% and 16.3% respectively compared to Q1 of 2020. The reduction in numbers reflects the impact of emergency measures introduced by the Government in March 2020 to mitigate the economic effects of the Pandemic.

The number of bankruptcies increased in Quarter 1 2021 in comparison to both the previous quarter (80%) and the same quarter in 2020 (39%). Bankruptcies were down significantly in 2020 overall, however, compared to 2019.

Michael McNaughton

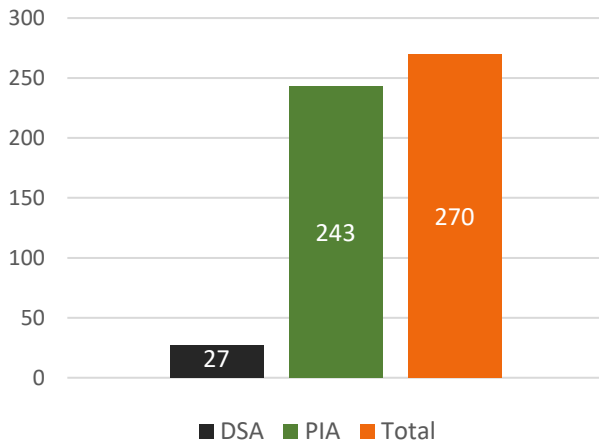
Director

May 2021

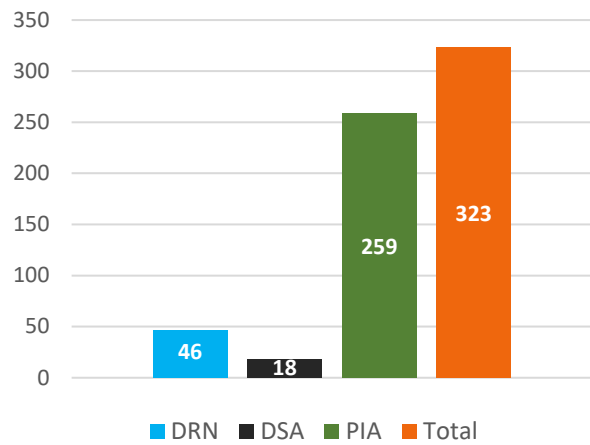
*These statistics are for information purposes only. No person should place reliance on the accuracy of the statistics, nor should they act solely based on them. The statistics are primarily based upon cases created by duly authorised Approved Intermediaries and Personal Insolvency Practitioners on the ISI Case Management System, the official registers of Approved Intermediaries and Personal Insolvency Practitioners and the statement of affairs submitted by those seeking to be declared bankrupt. Figures cover the period 01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, unless otherwise stated.*

## 2 Case Management – DRN, DSA, PIA

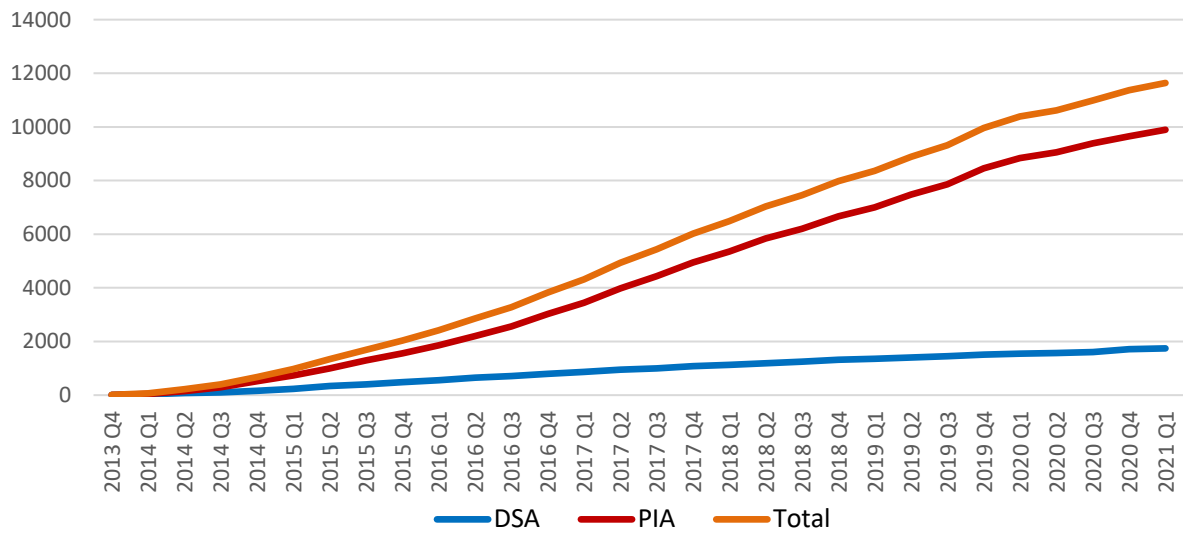
270 Protective Certificates in Q1



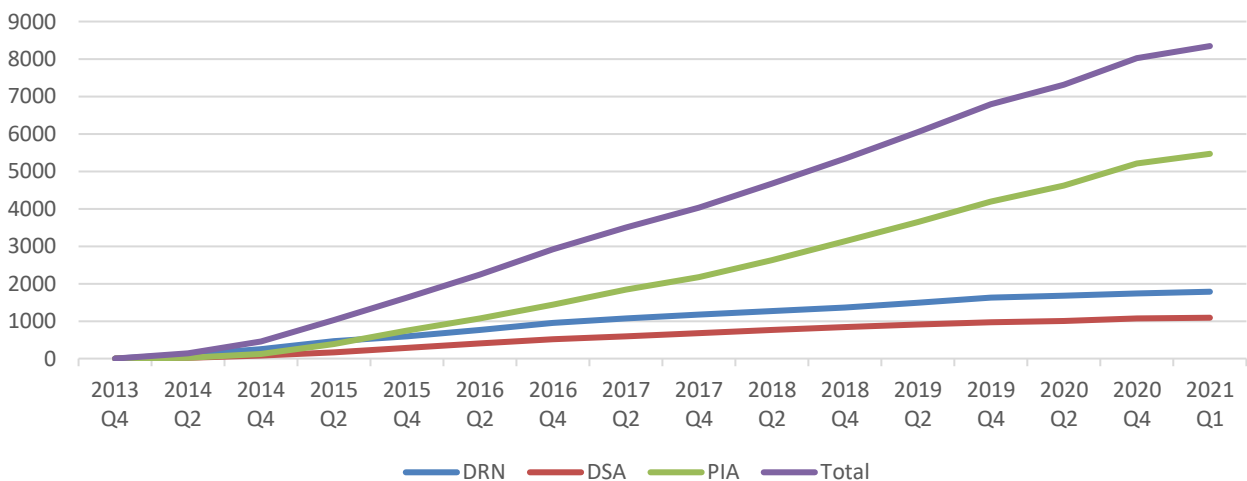
323 Arrangements in Q1



11,638 Protective Certificates since launch



8,345 Arrangements since launch



### 3 Outcome of Protective Certificates

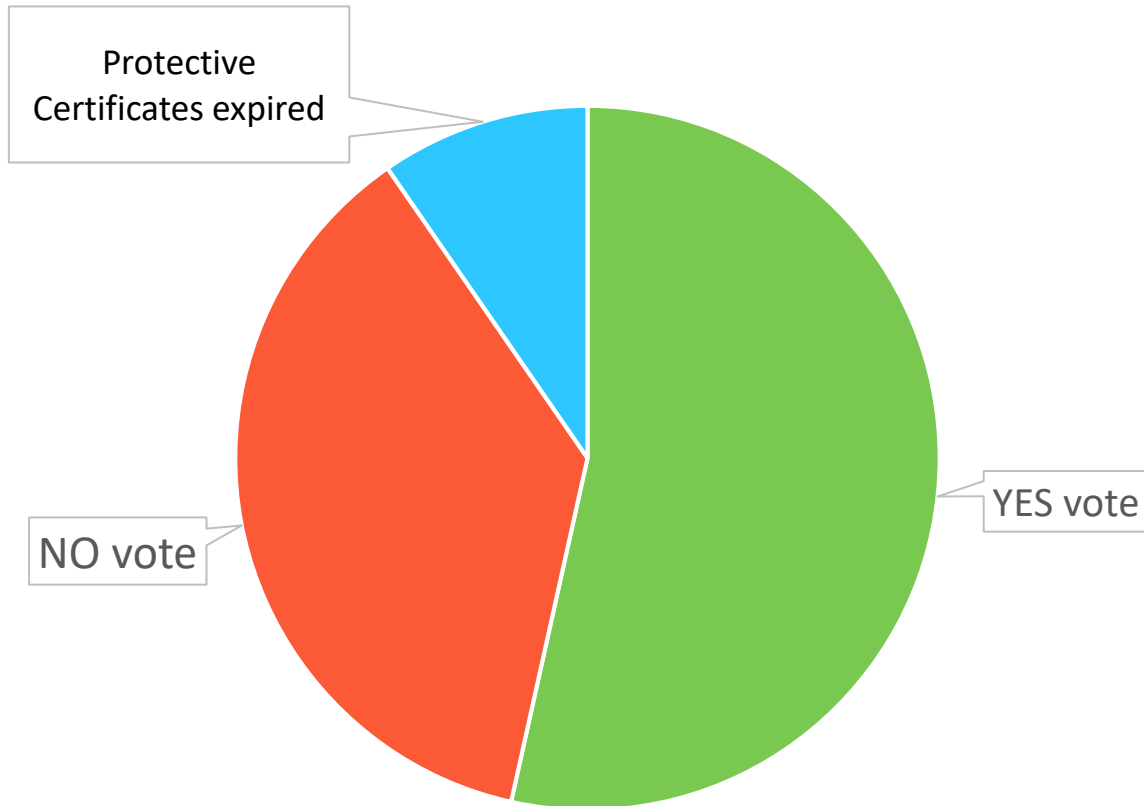
---

The ISI has undertaken an analysis of Protective Certificates issued and their outcomes. The analysis has been broken down into three categories:

- **Yes Vote:** Personal Insolvency Practitioner (PIP) successfully uses the Protective Certificate period of 70 days to put an agreement in place between the debtor and his or her creditors, following a vote at the creditors' meeting.
  
- **No Vote:** PIP is unsuccessful in reaching an agreement, following a vote at the creditors' meeting, between the debtor and his or her creditors.
  
- **Protective Certificate Expired:** The Protective Certificate can expire, without a formal insolvency solution in place, if the PIP is of the view that a Debt Settlement Arrangement/Personal Insolvency Arrangement is no longer appropriate. For example, where further time is required to prepare the case, where the debtor's circumstances have changed, where the PIP is of the view that a No vote is inevitable or where an alternative solution has been put in place between the debtor and his or her creditors. Once a Protective Certificate expires, information relating to any further action taken by the debtor in relation to their financial situation is not readily available to the ISI as the Debt Settlement Arrangement/Personal Insolvency Arrangement procedure is deemed to have ended.

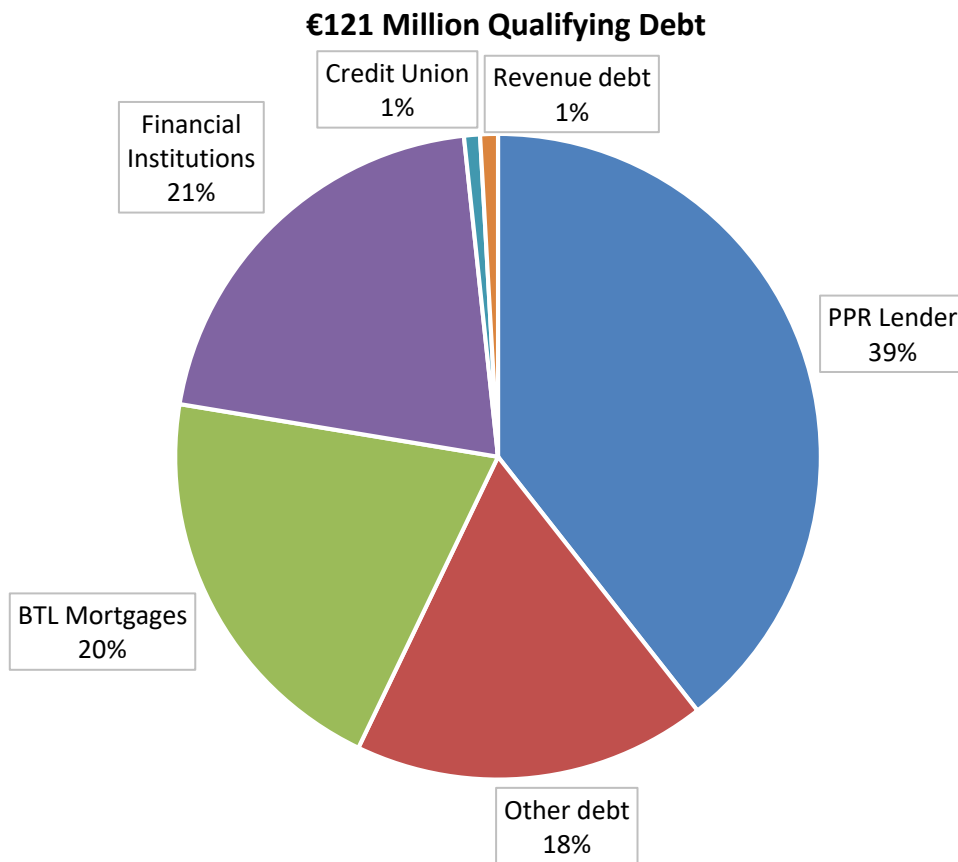
Where a proposal for a PIA is not approved at a creditors' meeting, the Court may be asked to review the case in certain circumstances, in accordance with Section 115A of the Personal Insolvency Act. Further details concerning the Section 115A Court Review process is contained in the [ISI's Annual Report for 2019](#). It is intended that further analysis will also be included in future Annual Reports.

## Outcome of Protective Certificates (from 2013 Q4 to 2021 Q1)



Outcome	DSA	PIA	Total
YES vote	69.9%	50.6%	53.5%
NO vote	20.3%	39.3%	36.4%
Protective Certificates expired	9.8%	10.1%	10.1%

## 4 Qualifying Debt – DRN, DSA, PIA



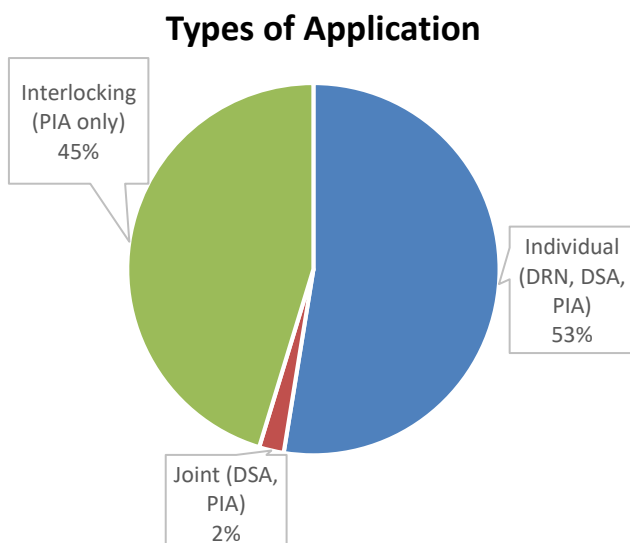
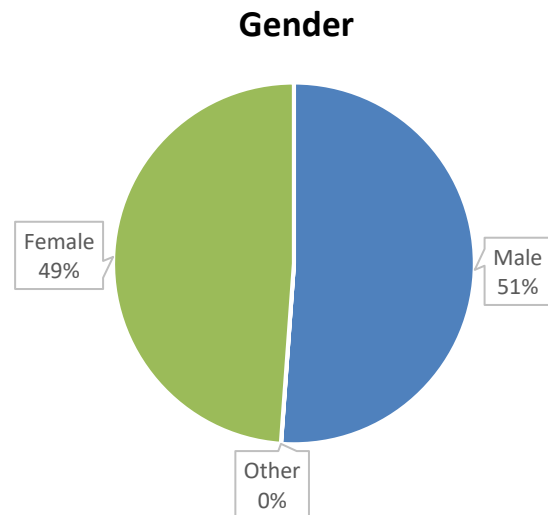
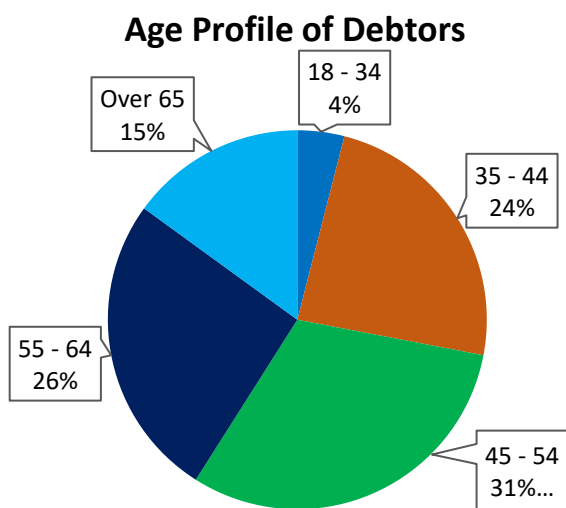
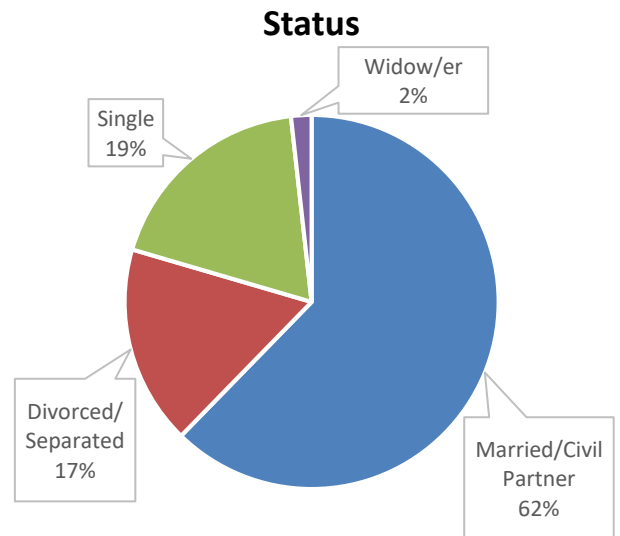
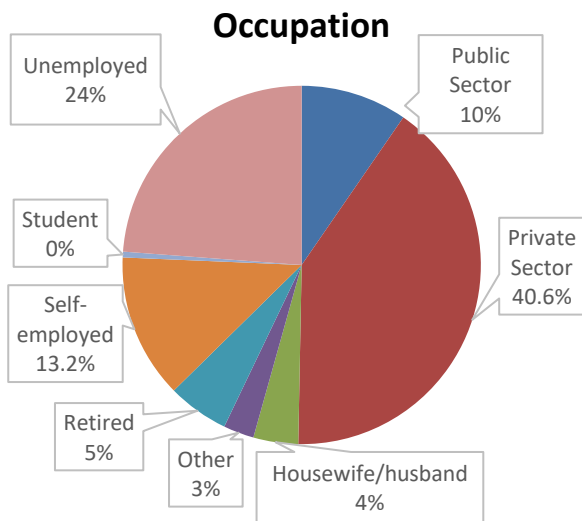
*\*Other debt includes trade creditors, connected creditors, contingent debt, hire purchase, personal guarantees, utilities, store cards/catalogues and professional fees.*

The total debt involved in the 283 new cases created in Q1 is approximately €121 million. You can find a breakdown of the type of debt in the chart above and the table below.

Type of debt	Value of debt (millions)	As a % of total
PPR Lender	€ 47.57	39.40%
Other debt	€ 21.40	17.72%
BTL Mortgages	€ 24.74	20.49%
Financial Institutions	€ 24.98	20.70%
Credit Union	€ 0.96	0.80%
Revenue debt	€ 1.08	0.89%
<b>Total Q1 debt</b>	<b>€ 120.73</b>	<b>100%</b>



## 5 Applicant Profile – DRN, DSA, PIA (from 2013 Q4 to 2021 Q1)



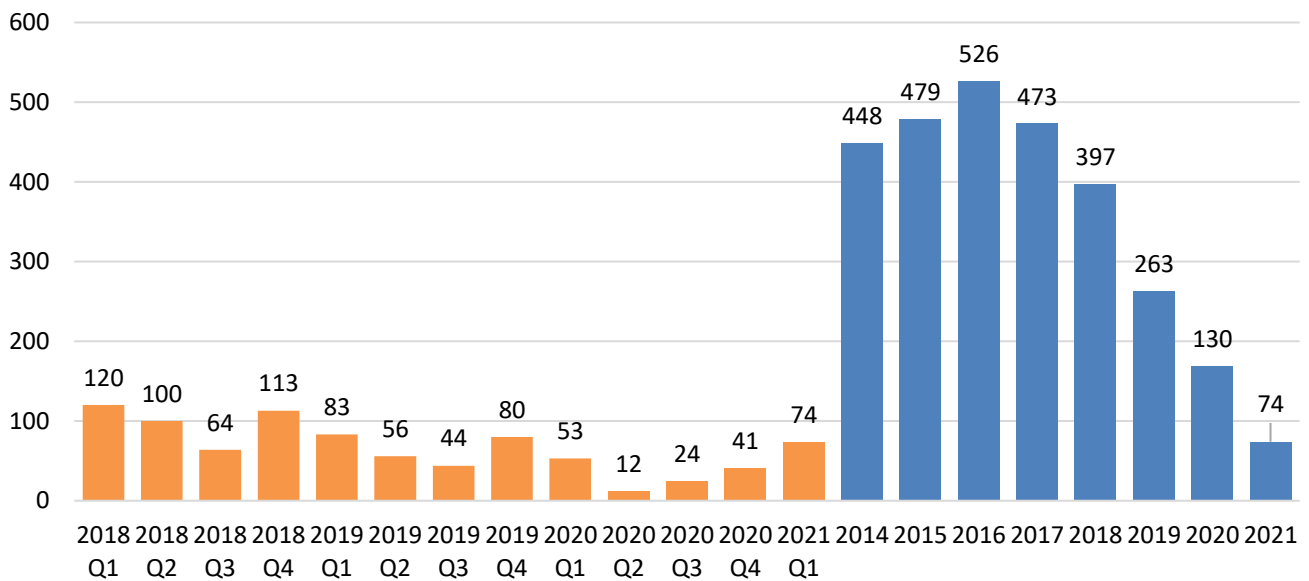
An individual application is an application by a sole debtor.

Where there are two (or more) debtors who are jointly liable for **all** of the debts to be included in a DSA or a PIA, a joint application is appropriate.

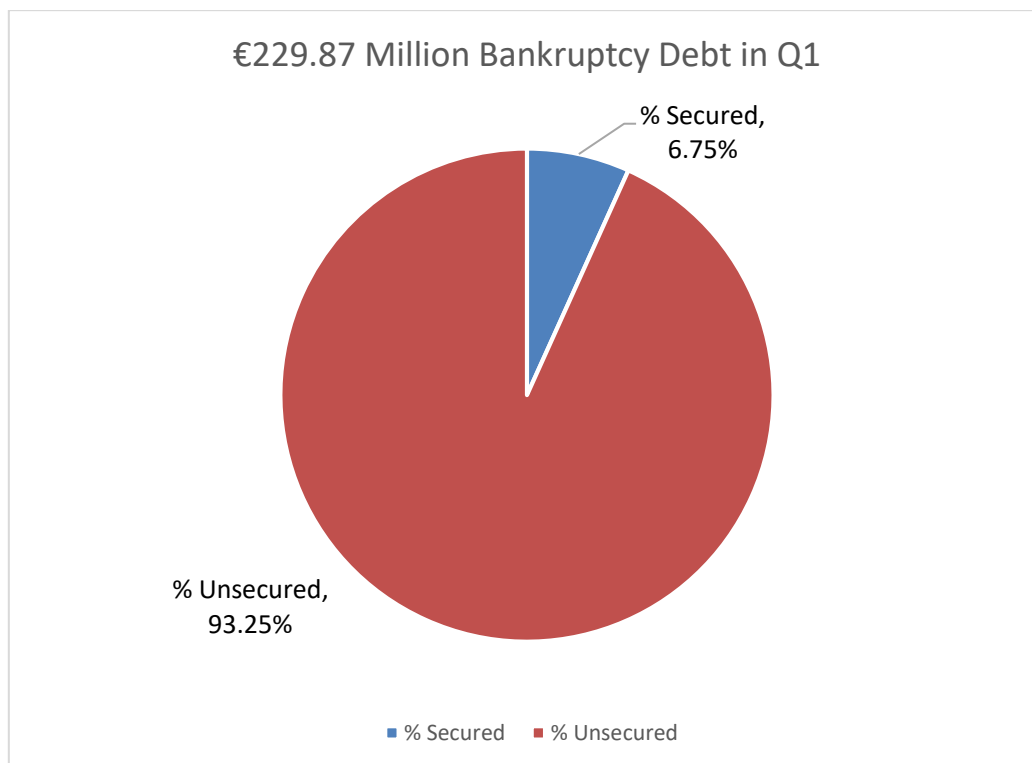
An interlocking application would be appropriate where two (or more) PIAs are to be administered in common - usually because of the financial relationship of the debtors involved. Examples would be a couple or business partners, where they are jointly liable for some - but not all - of the debts to be included in the PIA.

## 6 Bankruptcy

### Bankruptcy Adjudications



The one-year bankruptcy term was introduced on the 29th January 2016.



The total debt involved in bankruptcy adjudications for Q1 2021 is approximately €230 million. This comprises 7% secured debt and 93% unsecured debt. In the case of secured debt, it is likely that current market values of securities are significantly below debt levels.

## 7 Appendix 1

7.1 Table: Case Management

Case Management Quarterly Statistics							
Period	Protective Certificates			Arrangements Approved			
	Total	DSA	PIA	Total	DRN	DSA	PIA
2021 Q1	270	27	243	323	46	18	259
2020 Q4	377	114	263	365	36	28	301
2020 Q3	373	34	339	346	24	38	284
2020 Q2	227	22	205	135	8	7	120
2020 Q1	425	38	387	386	45	26	315
2019 Q4	652	58	594	470	83	39	348
2019 Q3	432	42	390	271	53	23	195
2019 Q2	526	50	476	360	75	30	255
2019 Q1	376	45	331	347	50	40	257
2018 Q4	530	68	462	365	36	45	284
2018 Q3	418	55	363	305	59	28	218
2018 Q2	548	62	486	344	59	47	238
2018 Q1	462	53	409	298	35	44	219
2021	270	27	243	323	46	18	259
2020	1,402	208	1,194	1,232	113	99	1,020
2019	1,986	195	1,791	1,448	261	132	1,055
2018	1,958	238	1,720	1,312	189	164	959
2017	2,198	278	1,920	1,115	222	160	733
2016	1,786	314	1,472	1,289	357	235	697
2015	1,363	326	1,037	1,170	347	204	619
2014	664	153	511	455	251	78	126
2013	11	5	6	1	0	1	0
Total	11,638	1,744	9,894	8,345	1,786	1,091	5,468
Percentage change, 2021 Q1 compared with:							
2020 Q4	-28%	-76%	-8%	-11%	28%	-36%	-14%
2020 Q1	-36%	-29%	56%	-16%	2%	-31%	-18%

## 7.2 Table: Bankruptcy

Period	Bankruptcy Adjudications
2021 Q1	74
2020 Q4	41
2020 Q3	24
2020 Q2	12
2020 Q1	53
2019 Q4	80
2019 Q3	44
2019 Q2	56
2019 Q1	83
2018 Q4	113
2018 Q3	64
2018 Q2	100
2018 Q1	120
2020	130
2019	263
2018	397
2017	473
2016	526
2015	479
2014	448
Percentage change, 2021 Q1 compared with:	
2020 Q4	80.5%
2020 Q1	39.6%

### 7.3 Table: Regulation

Personal Insolvency Practitioners (PIP)	84
Approved Intermediaries (AI)*	11
Responsible Person (RP)	73
<b>Total regulated persons available to help debtors</b>	<b>168</b>

The 11 Approved Intermediary entities are composed of the following:

- The Irish Mortgage Holders Organisation
- IRS Ireland
- Creative Insolvency Solutions
- Dublin South MABS Company Limited by Guarantee
- North Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service
- South Munster Money Advice and Budgeting Service CLG
- North Connacht & Ulster Money Advice & Budgeting Service
- North Dublin MABS
- South Leinster MABS
- North Munster MABS
- South Connacht Money Advice and Budgeting Service CLG

There are 73 Responsible Persons linked to these 11 authorisations.