

Construction Contracts Statutory Adjudication: 2025 Trends

Overview of the Ninth Annual Report of the
Chairperson of the Construction Contracts
Adjudication Panel (the “Annual Report”)

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The Annual Report

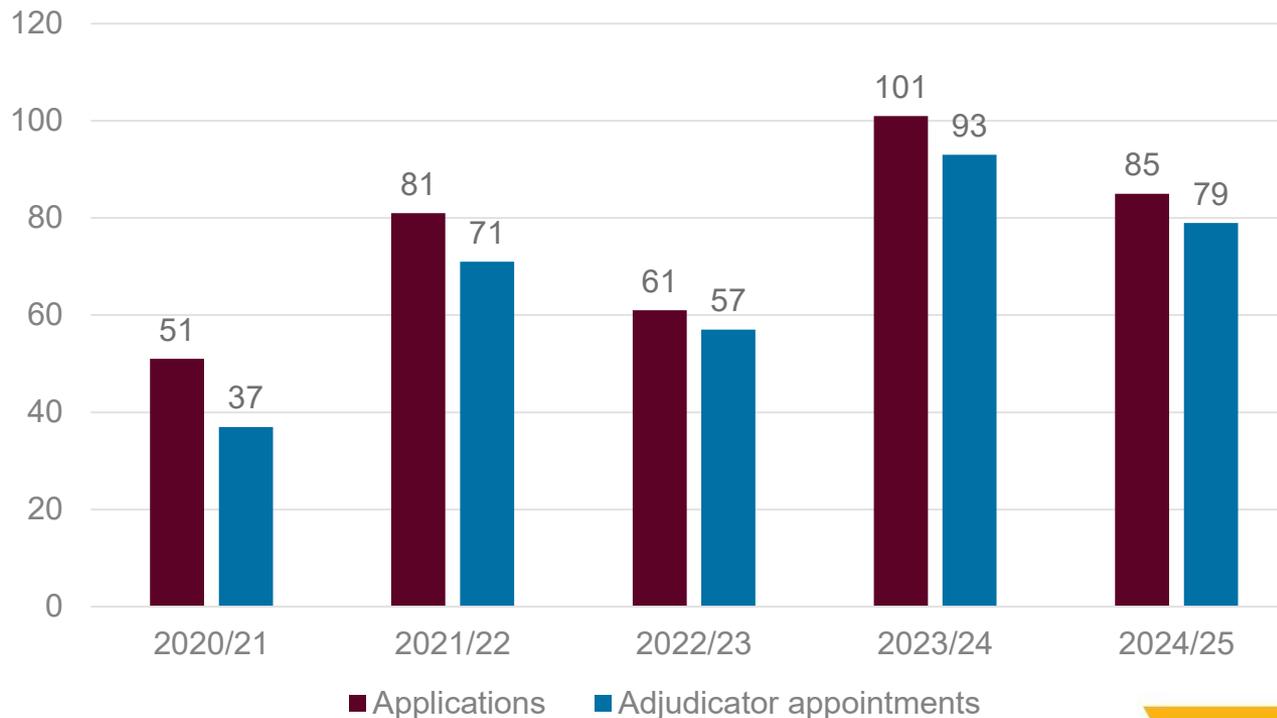
- Published on 20 November 2025 by the Chairperson of the Construction Contracts Adjudication Panel
- Covers the period from 26 July 2024 to 25 July 2025
- Annual Report looks at the current and previous trends regarding:
 - Adjudicator appointments
 - The parties to payment disputes
 - Outcomes of adjudications



Decrease in Adjudicator Appointments

- This year saw a slight reduction in adjudicator appointments from 93 appointments in 2023/2024 to 79 appointments in 2024/2025

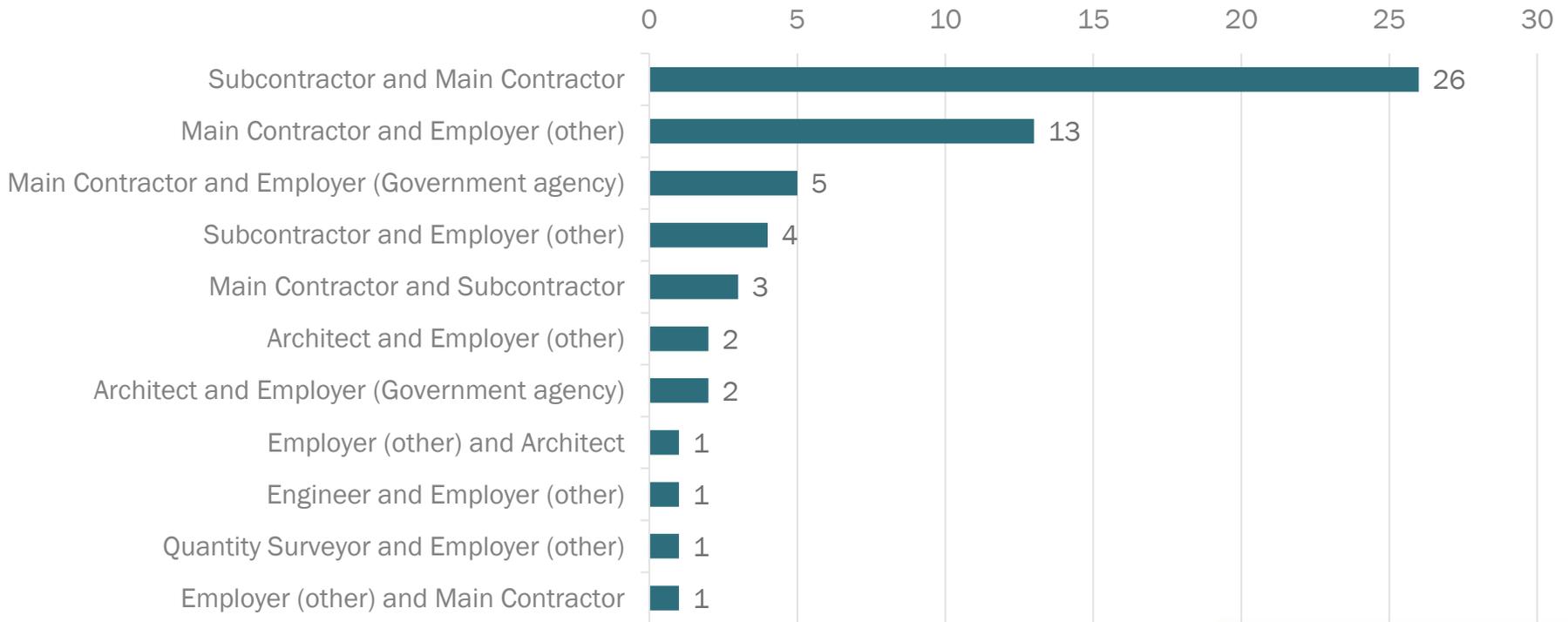
Number of Applications and Adjudicator appointments made since July 2020



Parties in Dispute

- There were 59 cases where anonymised data returns were made by Adjudicators – the most common parties involved in disputes were Subcontractors and Main Contractors

Parties in Dispute: 2024/25



Note: The category 'Employer (other)' means that the Employer contracting party is in the private sector.

Total Value of Payment Disputes

- **€223.7 million** is the combined reported value of payment disputes over the last 5 years
- **€31.5 million** was the total value of payment disputes reported in the last year, a decrease from the previous year
- There is a noticeable year-on-year decrease since the value of adjudicated payment disputes peaked in 2020/21

Total value of payment disputes to which Adjudicators have been appointed since July 2020



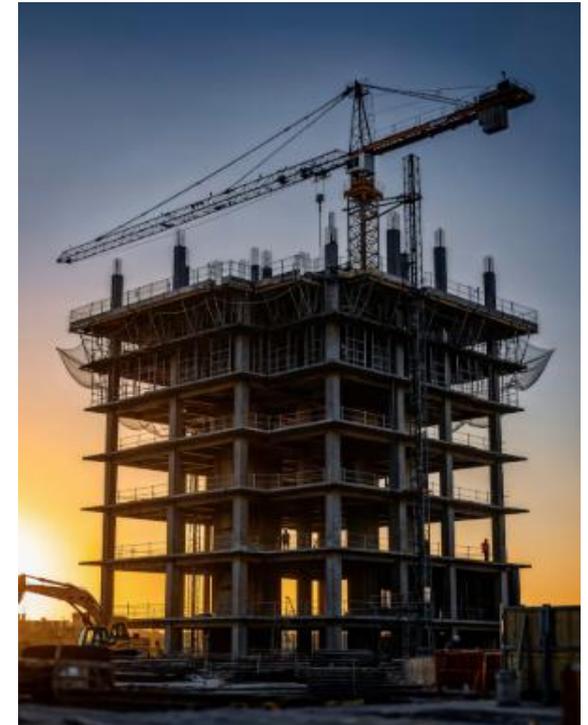
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Professional Qualification of Adjudicators

- The 59 anonymised data returns from Adjudicators received by the Construction Contracts Adjudication Service give insight into the primary professional qualification of Adjudicators

Qualification	Number of Disputes
Quantity Surveyor	22
Architect	14
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	9
Solicitor	7
Barrister	6
Engineer	1
Total	59

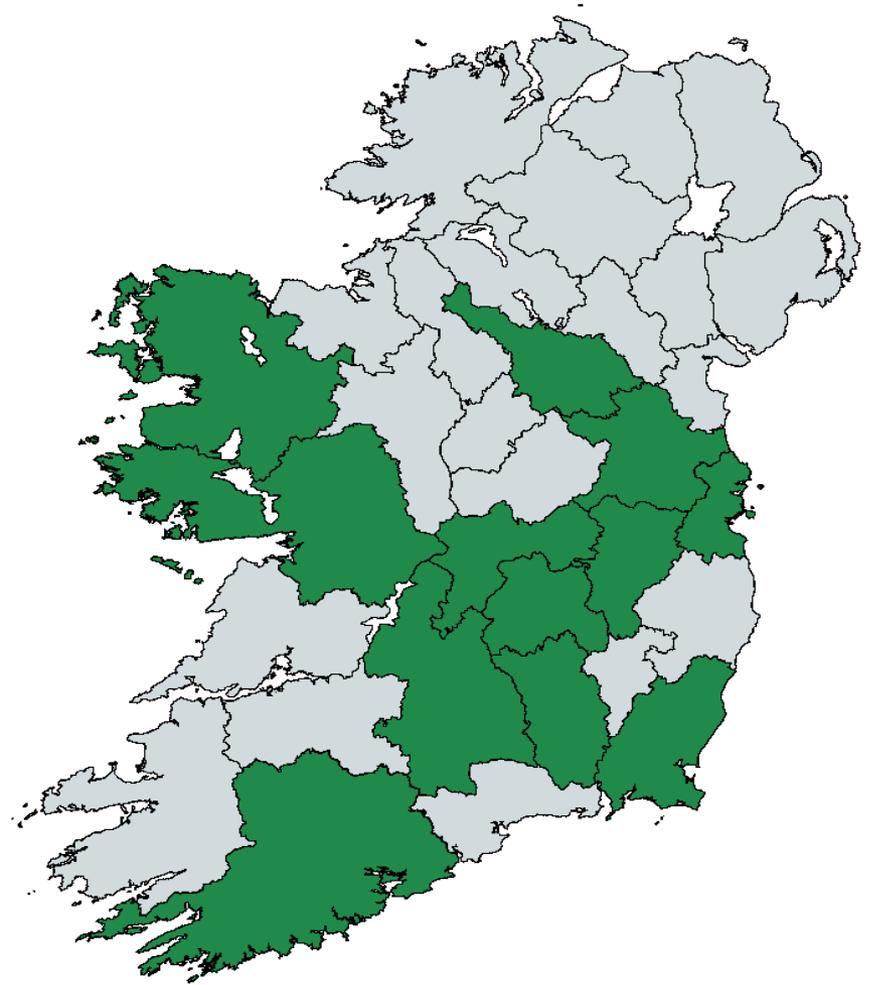


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Principal Site Locations of the Payment Disputes

County	Number of Disputes
Dublin	31
Cork	6
Galway	4
Meath	4
Wexford	4
Kildare	2
Kilkenny	2
Tipperary	2
Cavan	1
Laois	1
Mayo	1
Offaly	1
Total	59



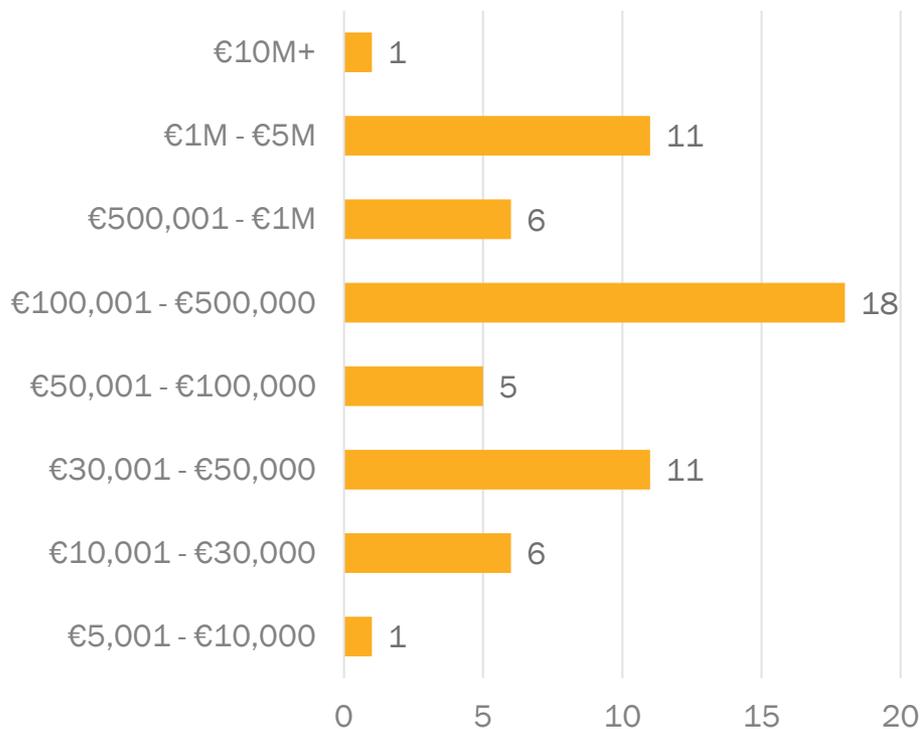
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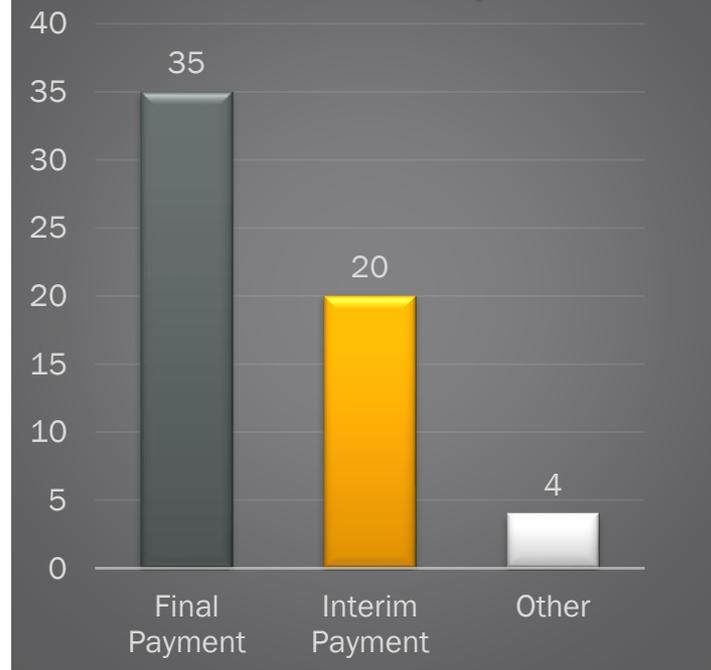
Amounts in Dispute 2024/2025

- Payment disputes most commonly involve amounts between €100,000 to €500,000
- The highest number of disputes related to final payment.

Amount in Dispute

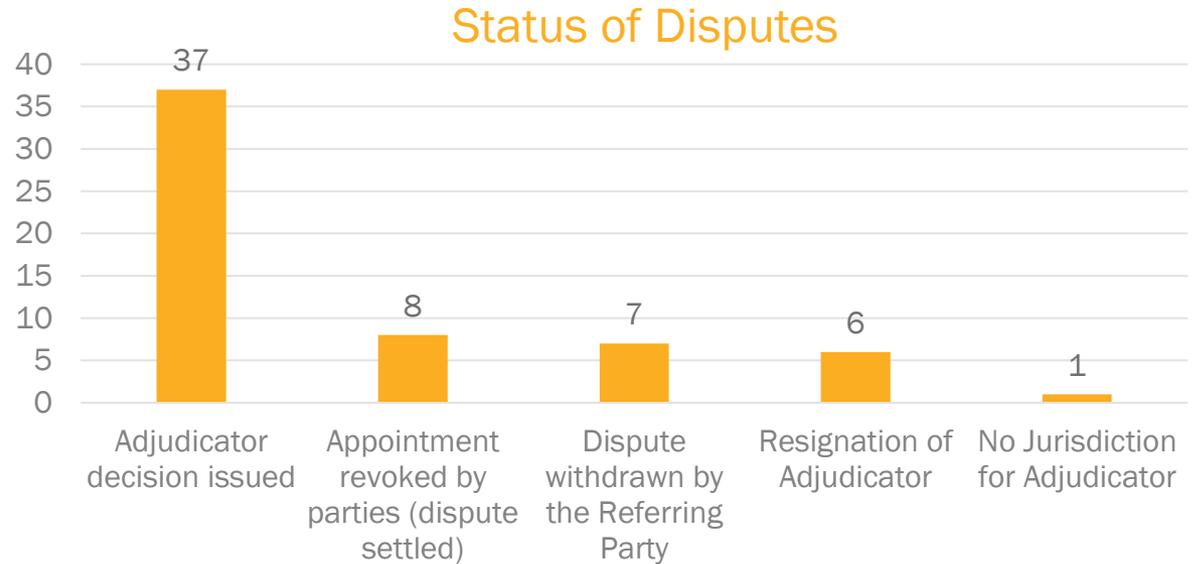


Nature of Disputes

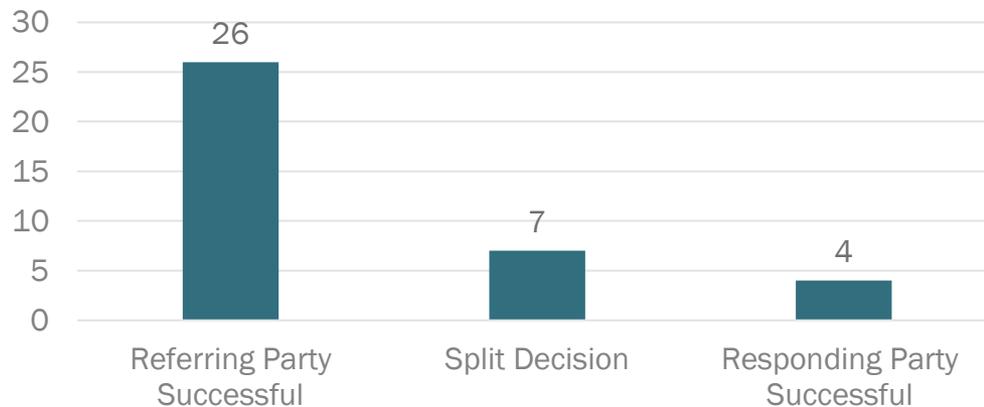


Status of Disputes 2024/2025

- In total there were 37 Adjudicators' decisions issued
- In most disputes the Referring Party was successful



Outcome of Adjudicators' Decisions



Adjudicator Decisions – Success Rates for the Parties

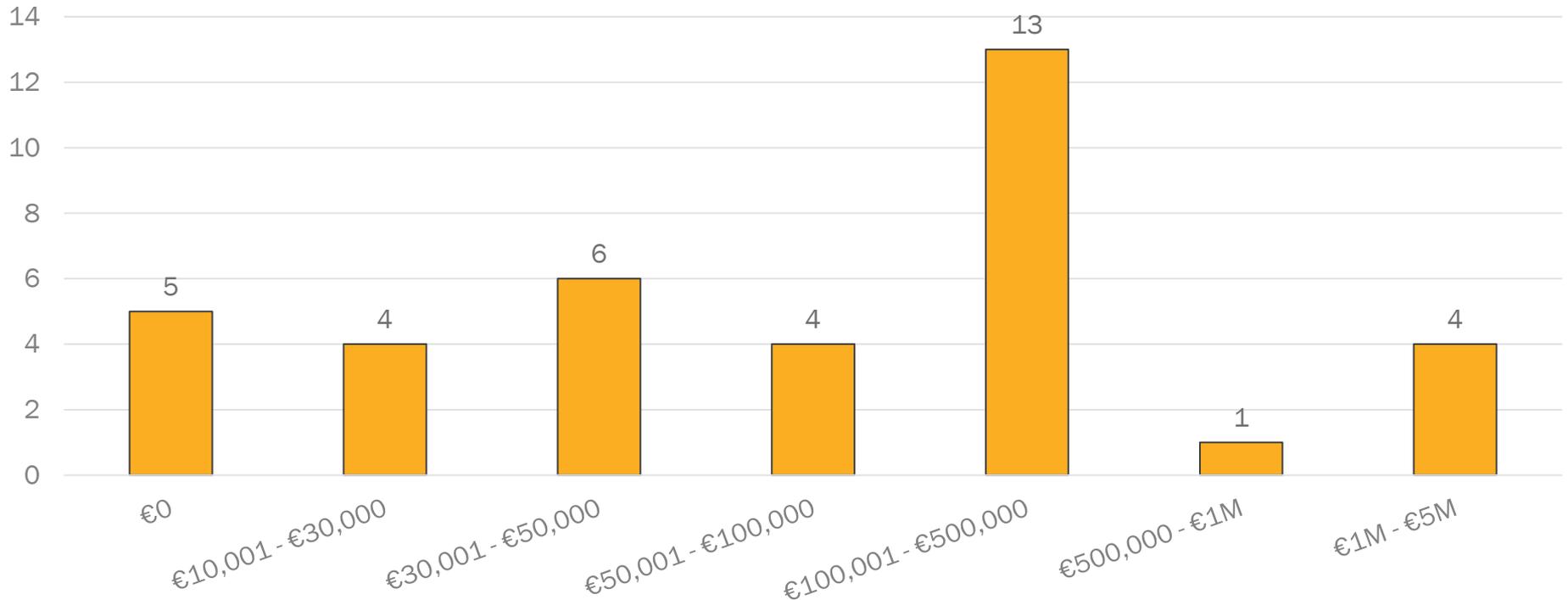
- Over the past five Annual Reports, 232 adjudication decisions have been reported. The Referring Party has been successful in **59%** of these decisions, with the Responding Party has been successful in **18%**. Split decisions resulted in **23%** of adjudications.

Annual Report	Referring Party Successful	Responding Party Successful	Split Decision	Number of Adjudicator Decisions
2024/25 Annual Report	26 (70%)	4 (11%)	7 (19%)	37
2023/24 Annual Report	37 (50%)	21 (28%)	16 (22%)	74
2022/23 Annual Report	30 (66%)	6 (13%)	9 (20%)	45
2021/22 Annual Report	24 (66%)	4 (11%)	8 (22%)	36
2020/21 Annual Report	20 (50%)	6 (15%)	14 (35%)	40
Total	137 (59%)	41 (18%)	54 (23%)	232

Adjudicators' Awards 2024/2025

- There were 32 monetary awards made in 37 Adjudicators' decisions issued
- Highest number of awards made in the €100,001 - €500,000 range

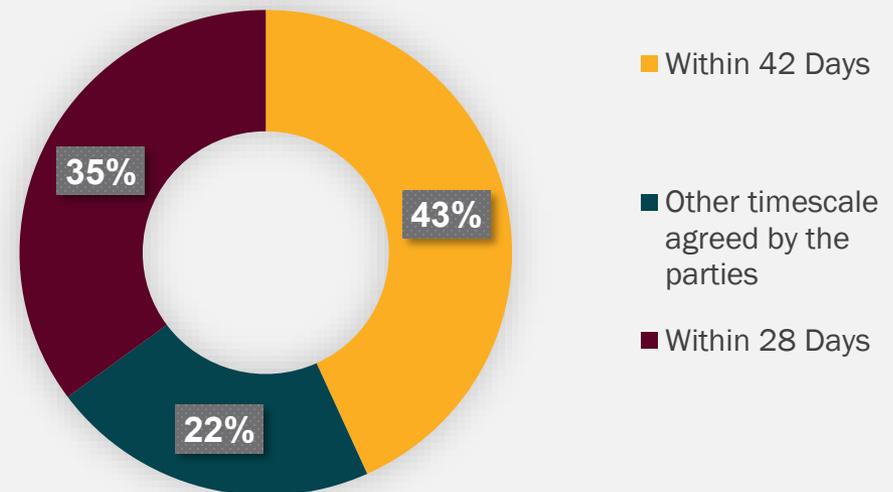
Adjudicators' Awards



Adjudication Timescales 2024/2025

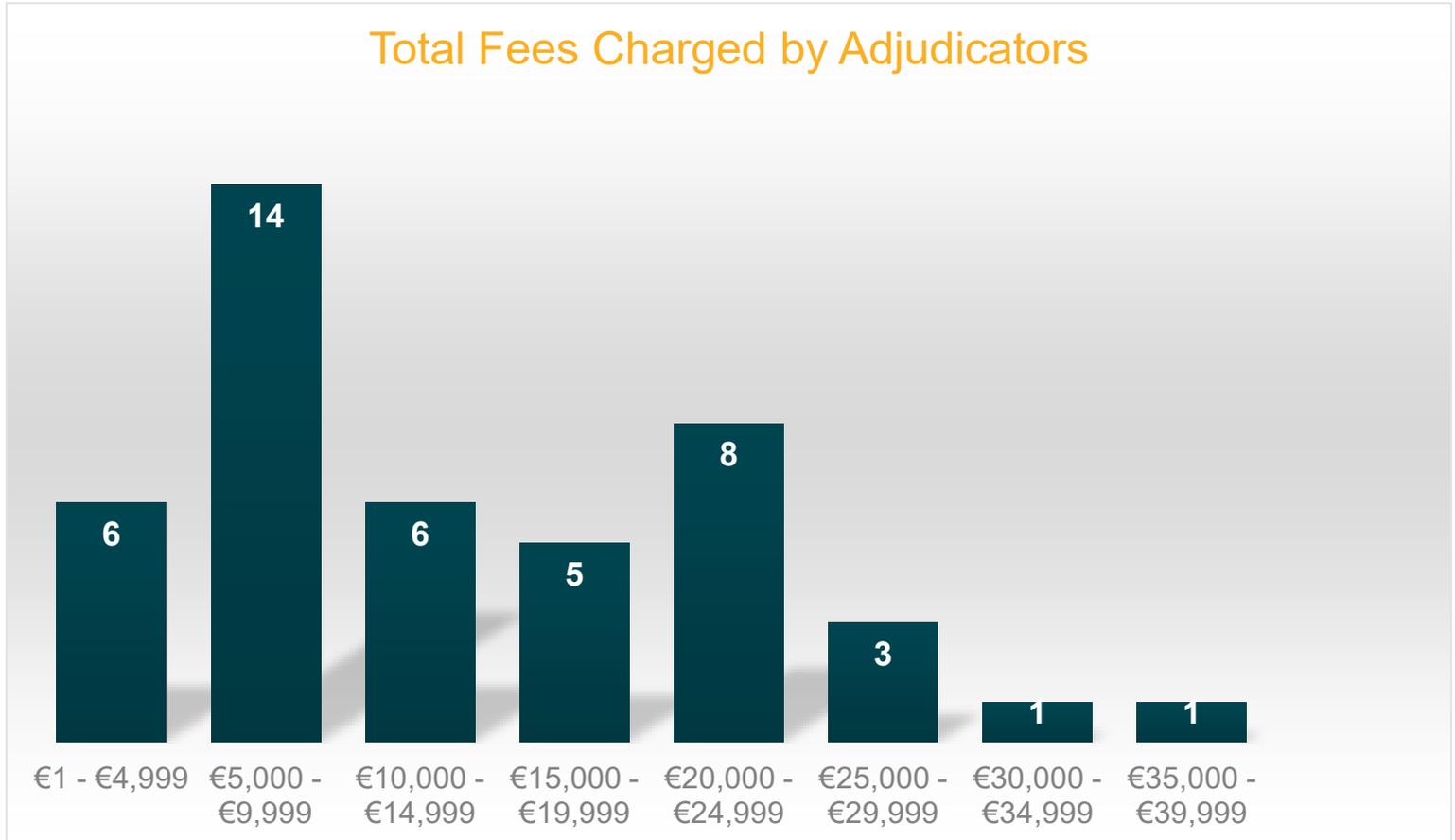
- While timescales vary, adjudication is still a time efficient dispute resolution process
- Adjudication is cost-effective but fees vary and can amount to a substantial bill if dispute is complex
- Adjudicators' hourly fees are most commonly in the €251 - €300 p/h range, followed by the €301 - €350 p/h range

Timescale for Adjudicators' Decisions



Adjudicators' Total Fees Charged 2024/2025

- Fees breakdown from 44 of the 59 reported cases (in 15 cases no fees were charged)



Conclusion – What to expect going forward?

- Adjudication remains a popular method of resolving payment related disputes in the Irish construction industry
- In the last five years, adjudicators have been appointed to payment disputes with a combined total value of almost €224 million, with this figure anticipated to grow over the coming years
- While the Irish High Court has repeatedly endorsed statutory adjudication, two cases ([*Tenderbids \[2025\] IEHC 139*](#) and [*Timber Frame \[2025\] IEHC 469*](#)) show that there is scope for the Courts to refuse enforcement of an adjudicator's decision



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