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Dear Sir / Madam,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – FOI 2018- 571

Thank you for your email dated 08 November 2018, requesting a record of companies, based in Birmingham, who submitted a HR1 form between April 2018 to end October 2018.

I can confirm 49 HR1 form submissions were received from separate companies based in Birmingham between aforementioned period. Regrettably I am unable to provide the names of the companies in relation to the HR1 form, for the reasons given below.

Sections 43(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provide that information is exempt if confirmation of whether or not it exists would, or would be likely, to prejudice the commercial interests of any person and that the duty to confirm or deny does not arise.

The information requested is commercially confidential and for the purpose of providing those facing redundancy with assistance such as training and job seeking advice. It may not be used by any other bodies for any other purpose, and is therefore only given to Government Departments and Agencies, such as Job Centre Plus, who provide these services.

The information is not in the public domain and it is open to employers to take legal action against the Secretary of State for breach of confidence if such unauthorised disclosures were made.

I hope you will appreciate the reasons for the decision not to provide any specific company name information in response to your request, but I would advise you that if you do not agree with the decision you have the right to request a review. You can

do this by contacting The Insolvency Service within two months of the date of this letter, by writing to FOI/DPA Team, Technical Section, The Insolvency Service, 1 City Walk, Leeds LS11 9DA, or by email to:

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<http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/bispartners/insolvency/docs/publication-pdfs/complaints.pdf>

Yours faithfully



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