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Date: 20th February 2020

Dear Rhi Storer

### **Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your emails of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in which you requested the following information from the Insolvency Service:

1. I would like to know how many...

- liquidation (applies to a limited company or partnership)
- administration (applies to a limited company or partnership)
- company voluntary arrangement (applies to limited companies)

... have been made to each county and unitary authority from 2000 - present.

2. I would like to know how many Debt Relief Order's (DRO's) have been released from 2000 - present, including by county, region, gender, and unitary authority.

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

#### **Question 1**

The Insolvency Service does not hold the information you have requested.

However, it may be useful for you to know that we do publish numbers of company insolvency statistics which can be accessed using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/company-insolvency-statistics-releases>

Please note FOIA only applies to recorded information, it does not require public authorities to answer a question unless recorded information exists. Therefore, to

answer a request FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information if the requested information is not held.

## **Question 2**

I can confirm the agency holds the information that you have requested however, the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore refused.

Section 21(1) provides that information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information that you have requested is available to you from our published individual insolvency statistics which can be accessed using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/individual-insolvencies-by-location-age-and-gender-england-and-wales-2018>

Please note that DRO's were only introduced in England and Wales on 6th April 2009, so there is no information prior to this date.

If you are not satisfied with the response we have provided you and would like us to reconsider our decision by way of an internal review (IR), please contact our Information Rights Team at [foi@insolvency.gov.uk](mailto:foi@insolvency.gov.uk) or by post at:

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You also have the right to contact the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) if you wish for them to investigate any complaint you may have regarding our handling of your request. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect an IR to have been completed in the first instance.

Kind regards

Information Rights Officer  
The Insolvency Service

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