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By email: [REDACTED]

Our ref: FOI20/21-059  
Date: 4 September 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your email of 6 August in which you requested from the Insolvency Service:

I would like to know the number of HR1 Advance Notice of Redundancy forms submitted in the UK in each of the months of June and July, for the years 2019 and 2020.

I would also like to know the aggregate number of positions mentioned as at risk of redundancy for the months of June and July, for the years 2019 and 2020.

Your response FOI20/21-038 included a figure for June as requested, however that figure was incomplete as data from 79 HR1 forms was not included. So I am writing to request a complete figure.

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

I can confirm the agency holds the information that you have requested, and the requested information is included in the table below (please note the same warnings apply as per FOI-038);

		Number of HR1 Advance Notice of Redundancy forms submitted	Aggregate number of positions mentioned as at risk of redundancy
2019	June	345	24,024
	July	286	21,456
2020	June	1,888	155,739
	July	1,784	149,688

You have also requested:

the geographical distribution of those HR1 submissions, either by region of local authority area.

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

We estimate the cost of complying with your request, which involves manually interrogating a large number of forms to extrapolate the data, will exceed the cost limit set by section 12 of FOIA and your request is therefore refused. The appropriate limit has been specified for Central Government at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 24 hours in determining whether the Service holds the information, time to locate/ retrieve or extract the information.

Under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act the Insolvency Service is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further. Ordinarily, if you were to make a new request for a narrower category of information, we may be able to comply with the renewed request within the appropriate limit, however, please note the below.

We are concerned that releasing any further data relating to this request could be used along with other data to reconstitute identities of companies and would therefore mean the commercial confidence of companies is at risk. This could lead to reputational damage to a company; distress to any affected employees or may provide an unfair advantage to any competitors of that business.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

[REDACTED]

Redundancy Payments Service  
The Insolvency Service

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