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Dear Mr Lander,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 7th July 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

FOI reference 2212

Your request for information was as follows:

Please could you provide me with a list of all potential employer names and the volumes of paper / online applications submitted in 2021.

Response

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) helps employers make safer recruitment decisions each year by processing and issuing DBS checks for England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. DBS also maintains the adults' and children's Barred Lists and makes considered safeguarding decisions as to whether an individual should be included on one or both of these lists and barred from engaging in regulated activity

The DBS cannot provide the whole dataset of all potential employer names used in the year requested. This is because the field could contain personal information and would need to be manually checked before we released it.

The data provided in the accompanying Excel spread sheet shows disclosure applications received for 2021 by the "Potential Employer Name" that was provided on the application form.

The data only shows "Potential Employer Name" information where the same Potential Employer Name was used 50 times or more during the time.

There is no paper route for Basic applications.

The data provided is to answer this specific enquiry and should not be compared to any other data previously released.

I hope the information provided is of assistance.

Your right to request an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are dissatisfied our handling of your Freedom of Information request you may request an internal review by e-mailing dbsfai@dbf.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to Freedom of Information Manager, Disclosure and Barring Service, PO Box 165, L69 3JD. You should submit any request for review within two months of the date of this letter.

The Disclosure and Barring Service will aim to respond to your request for a review within 20 working days and in any case no longer than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot decide unless you have exhausted our own internal complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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