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Our ref: FOI 2019-086
e-mail: FOI@insolvency.gov.uk
Date: 24th October 2019

Dear Brad Meyer

Re: Request for information from the Insolvency Service

Thank you for your email dated 6 October 2019 headed 'Freedom of Information request – Target vs Actual Elapse Times for Setting a court Date After Deciding to Prosecute'. In your email you made the following request for information:

'What is your internal target time frame (and your actual average elapse time) for setting a court date after your internal legal review of one of your criminal investigations concludes with a decision that you will prosecute the company officers that were investigated?

What has prevented your legal team from securing a court date within this target time frame?'

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

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

It may be helpful for you to know that the Insolvency Service is unable to set court dates directly. Once an investigation is concluded our paralegal team apply to the court for a date. Therefore, the length of time it takes for a court date to be set is reliant on the court itself.

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

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 Governance team at foi@insolvency.gov.uk or by post at:

Freedom of Information and Data Protection Act team
The Insolvency Service
3rd Floor
Cannon House
18 Priory Queensway
Birmingham
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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

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