

## Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

**Subject:** Request for company names containing the word 'ombudsman' and 'ombwdsman' and information on sensitive words

**Date Released:** 16 February 2015

**Summary of request:** The enquirer requested company names containing the word 'ombudsman' and 'ombwdsman' and information on sensitive words

### Information released

Your request was for:

- 1. All business names containing the word 'ombudsman' or 'ombwdsmon', for which the Secretary of State has given approval under s.55(1) of the Companies Act 2006.**
- 2. All business names containing the word 'ombudsman' or 'ombwdsmon', for which the Secretary of State has given approval under s.1194(1) of the Companies Act 2006.**
- 3. Any background information which would shed light on why the word 'ombudsman' was included in the 2009 Regulations (SI 2009/2615), when it was not included in previous similar regulations (SI 1981/1685 and its subsequent amendments).**

You clarified that your request should relate to 'company names' for the purposes of section 55(1) and 'business names' for the purposes of section 1194(1).

Since 1 October 2009:

1. Ombudsman - The Glazing Ombudsman Limited (No. 7547432) was registered on 26 August 2011 (via a change of existing company name).  
Ombwdsmon - No company registrations

2. Ombudsman - No business name approvals.

Ombwdsmon - No business name approvals

3. Regarding background information, the following paragraph can be found in a House of Commons speech:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmgeneral/deleg5/091028/91028s01.htm>

This paragraph applies to all newly prescribed words one of which is Ombudsman.

*'About half the sensitive words and expressions in these Regulations were prescribed previously. The newly prescribed words and expressions are primarily those that convey authority or status. This is because names that include these words might be used to induce members of the public to pass money or personal information. We also prescribe the Welsh and Scots Gaelic versions of words where these are considered to create a similar risk to the public as the word in the English.'*