<u>Annex A</u> our ref : IA/00459/12

Number of first trainee licences issued, and number of further trainee licences issued, in 2011 and in Q1 and Q2 of 2012 (or latest figures you have for 2012).

The table below shows the number of first and further trainee licences issued each quarter between January 2011 and March 2012:

Period	1st trainee licences	Further trainee licences
Jan to Mar 2011	632	580
April to June 2011	602	437
July to Sept 2011	594	307
Oct to Dec 2011	371	254
Jan to Mar 2012	392	257

Details of trainee licences issued between April and June 2012 is a subset of an official statistic (INS0101) which is not due to be published until August 2012. The information you have requested could be used to calculate an official statistic's figure. Official statistics are exempt from release under section 44 (1)(a) (prohibitions on disclosure) by virtue of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008 which limits access to official statistics until their date of publication. As this exemption is an absolute exemption we are not required to conduct a public interest test. A copy of this exemption in full can be found at Annex B. Whilst at this time we have refused your request for information, if you resubmit your request after August, the exemption will no longer apply and we should be able to provide the information you require.

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