

I can confirm that the information requested is held by The Insolvency Service and is exempt information under section 35 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the information is therefore refused.

Section 35(1) Information held by a government department or by the National Assembly for Wales is exempt information if it relates to -

- (a) the formulation or development of government policy,
- (b) Ministerial communications,
- (c) the provision of advice by any of the Law Officers or any request for the provision of such advice, or
- (d) the operation of any Ministerial private office.

Section 35(3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1).

The information that you have requested falls within subsection (1) (a) and/or (1) (b) and would not be in the public interest because full details of the policy in this area (fees and complaints processes for insolvency practitioners) has not been finalised as of yet and any disclosure could prejudice these issues and any further discussions with the parties involved.