

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Top 100 UK patent applicants and top 100 Japanese applicants filing in the UK

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**Information request:**

Please let me know when the facts and figures of filing statistics for 2012 will be available.

In particular I would like to know the top 100 UK patent applicants, top 100 Japanese applicants filing in the UK (directly and via PCT and EP), and their UK representative.

Please treat this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act if necessary.

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The latest Facts & Figures, for 2012, are now available online at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/about-facts1112.pdf> .

I regret that we do not hold lists of top filers from specified countries and the cost of producing such a list would exceed the appropriate limit for FOI requests.

I should explain that section 12 of the FOI Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate that it would take us in excess of 3.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request.