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Information request:
I am reviewing accelerated examination options for environmentally signification technologies in different patent offices, and I would be very grateful if you could please provide me with some additional information on the green channel program run by the UKIPO. I am particularly looking for some data showing the number of GB patent applications being processed through the green channel, and how this take up has trended over the years since the introduction of the green channel by the UKIPO.

Information released:
The following information is correct to 30 April 2013.

- The UK IPO Green Channel for accelerating patent applications for environmentally friendly technologies was introduced in May, 2009.

- Since start-up, we have received a total of 969 requests, of which just 13 (one per cent) have been refused, largely since the technology concerned has not been considered of environmental benefit.

- Breakdown of allowed requests per financial year:

2009/10 (12.05.09 to 31.03.10)	206
2010/11	234
2011/12	312
2012/13	183
2013/14 (01.04.13 to 30.04.13)	21

- The average time from request to grant since May 2009 has been 11 months overall. The average in months per year has been:

2009/10 (12.05.09 to 31.03.10)	13
2010/11	14
2011/12	8
2012/13	7
2013/14 (01.04.13 to 30.04.13)	n/a

- Details of published Green Channel applications can be found on our website at
  http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-gcp.htm .