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Title: IP data request: statistics for 1995,1996, 1985 and 1986

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Information request:

I'm after the 1995 1996, 1985 1986 and 2011 statistics of patents, designs and trademarks granted and in force in the UK. I cannot find them on your web site. (I found only the number of granted IPR for 2011 on <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/about-facts1011.pdf> not those in force)

Information released:

Please find attached tables for IP grants/registrations for each of the years listed in your request and the available information on IP in force.

I've added a separate figure of marks protected under the Madrid Protocol to the 2011 TM figures.

I've also copied an explanation of how the Designs 'in force' figures were compiled.

In the case of Trade Marks, our database was created in 1989 so it would impossible to obtain older figures. In the case of Designs, we could not cannot guarantee the reliability of figures for 1985 and 1986.

Similarly, the extract from our patents database only goes back to cases which were granted and in force between 1 January 1990 and 30 June 2013 so I can't provide data for 1985 and 1986.

For patents, I've also added separate figures for EP(UK) patents in force.

[PTO]

1) New IP registrations/grants (source: IPO Annual Reports/Facts & Figures)

Year	Patents granted	Designs registered	Trade Marks Registered
1985	20,880	6,546	16,154
1986	16,206	7,167	17,089
1995	9,475	8,380	33,400
1996	7,132	8,970	56,531
2011	7,173	3,423	67,027 [plus a further 8,081 designations protected in UK under the Madrid Protocol]

2) IP registrations in force at close of each year (source: IPO database queries)

Year	Patents	Designs	Trade Marks
1985	Not available	See note below.	Not available
1986	Not available		Not available
1995	72,691 [plus EP(UK) 302,792]		392,856
1996	73,756 [plus EP(UK) 323,782]		415,188
2011	63,977 [plus EP(UK) 363,440]		446,442

Designs

Query is for Cases Registered and not expired on 31/12 with a current status of Registered (9) Restoration Applied for (29), Restoration Fee Received (30) or Cancelled (99).

Cases with a status of 9, 29 or 30 will be In Force on the required date if they are Registered and not expired.

Cancelled cases (Status 99) - I cannot tell if the cases are in force only that they have not expired and will be if not cancelled, as I cannot access the Cancellation date with the QM query. Accessing the Cancellation date would require a program which I would be unlikely to complete within my part of the cost limit of 3.5 man days of work.

Status	9	29	30	99	Total
1995	63277	1	1	33	63312
1996	65365	1	4	32	65402
2011	46234	3	1	38	46276

With regard to 1985 and 1986 it would be possible to produce figures, but since I do not know what historic data was initially loaded for TM OPTICS and ACORD I do not know whether they would be reliable.