

## **Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Statistics on the number of Community Interest Companies that have a green or energy related purpose.

**Date Released:** 14 January 2014

**Summary of request:** The enquirer requested statistics on the number of Community Interest Companies that have a green or energy related purpose.

### **Information released**

You have asked for the number of registered Community Interest Companies that have a green or energy-related purpose, which have the terms "green", "sustainable" "energy" and "eco" in their names.

If I may first explain that Companies House is primarily a registry of company information which is available to the public. As part of our products and services, Companies House produces a searchable DVD ROM Directory. From this directory, a search for CIC companies with those terms in their name can be undertaken. A one off purchase of this product would cost £30.

I have been informed however that the results obtained from undertaking a search of this nature may not be entirely accurate, for example, the search may pick up CIC companies with 'Greenwich' in its name and there may be CIC companies on the register who are energy related but do not use those terms in their company name.

For your information I have inserted a link to details relating to the DVD Rom published on our website:

<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/infoAndGuide/DVD.shtml>

Companies House also provides a Free Data Product which is a downloadable data snapshot containing basic company data of live companies on the register. The spreadsheet can be filtered to obtain the same information as held on the DVD Rom. However, I should reiterate that the information may not be accurate due to the examples provided above.

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[http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en\\_output.html](http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en_output.html)

Unfortunately under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act. As the information you have requested can be obtained by undertaking a search of the DVD ROM or from our Free Data Product, I must refuse your request.