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1) I am looking to find out some information on the uptake of the new Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) agreement between the UK and China. Can you tell me how many requests to participate in the PPH pilot program with China were made in the first two months after the program launched, i.e. between 1 July 2014 and the end of August 2014?

2) I am looking to find out some information on the uptake of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) agreement between the UK and various other countries.

Could you tell me how many requests to participate in the PPH pilot program with the USA were made during its first two months of operation, i.e. between 4 September 2007 and the 4 November 2007?

Similarly, how many requests to participate in the PPH pilot program with the Japan were made during its first two months of operation, i.e. between 2 July 2007 and the 2 September 2007?

Also, how many requests to participate in the PPH pilot program with Canada were made in the first two months after the program launched, i.e. between 31 January 2012 and 31 March 2012?

Finally, how many requests to participate in the PPH pilot program with Germany were made in the first two months after the program launched, i.e. between 1 March 2012 and 1 May 2012?

Information released:

PPH requests in the first two months of the UK-China PPH agreement: 2

PPH requests in the first two months of the UK-US PPH agreement: 3

PPH requests in the first two months of the UK-Japan PPH agreement: 0

PPH requests in the first two months of the UK-Canada PPH agreement: 0

PPH requests in the first two months of the UK-Germany PPH agreement: 0