

Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

Subject: Request for the usual residential address of two directors

Date Released: 22 September 2015

Summary of request: The enquirer requested the usual residential address of two directors

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I have considered your request for a directors usual residential address (URA) information, however this is exempt information under section 44(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This is because the disclosure of this information is prohibited by an enactment, namely by virtue of section 242 of the Companies Act 2006.

You may be aware that the Companies Act 2006 brought into force the provision for a director of a limited company to have a service address, which is available for public inspection and a URA which is protected information and does not appear on the public register.

By opting to use a different service address, a director can ensure that his or her residential address does not appear on the public register.

Section 242(3) of the Companies Act 2006 provides that the Registrar must not use or disclose protected URA information unless this disclosure is permitted by section 243 (permitted use or disclosure by registrar) or in accordance with section 244 (disclosure under court order). If a request for disclosure of a URA is not in accordance with the circumstances in section 243 the request for information will be refused.