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Subject: Request for statistics relating to Late Filing Penalty appeals where Companies House contributed to the delay in filing

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Summary of request: The enquirer requested statistics relating to Late Filing Penalty appeals where Companies House contributed to the delay in filing

Information Released

You request the following information;

How many late penalty appeals site that Companies House contributed to the delay in filing?

How many of those appeals are unsuccessful?

How many of those appeals are appealed to the Registrar of Companies?

How many of those appeals are unsuccessful?

The information requested is not held. Companies House records late filing penalty appeals under different appeal codes according to the type of appeal or reason for the appeal. In Chapter 4 of our Late Filing Penalty Appeals manual the different codes and scenarios are explained. However, there is no specific code for this particular scenario.

You can view a copy of the manual on the Companies House website, select guidance then late filing penalties.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/436382/LFPManual_V8.0_2.pdf

There is a category 'Webfiling' that the above scenario may be added to but I should explain that an appeal could be based on a number of reasons, not just the reason allocated on the system. In addition, the 'reason' for an appeal is also subjective and is open to the interpretation of the team member allocating that code. The web-filing category is vast and would be for all reasons associated with that category not just issues with the system.