### **FOI Release**

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### Information request:

Is it possible to get access to statistical data concerning the filings to the UK Patent Office in the years before the establishment of the EPC (for instance 1974-78)? I am interested to know how high the quote of foreign filings was, from which countries the applications came (in percentage) and so on.

If it is possible to have the data also for 1973 and 1979-1983 (the first years after the entry in operation of the EPC), and the data of 2015 (to know what the situation is today) would be great.

## Information released:

Please find attached scanned pages from old Annual Reports which I believe detail the information you are looking for. (There are 2 years shown in each document.)

Our latest Facts & Figures show the position for last year. The link is: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/facts-and-figures-patent-trade-mark-design-and-hearing-data-2015</u>.