

Freedom of Information Request

FOI/AH/17/02

BREAKDOWN OF NUMBER OF IMMIGRATION ADVISERS REGISTERED BY THE OISC

31 January 2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing with an enquiry for a research project. Together with [REDACTED] (University of [REDACTED]), I am currently working on a study that explores certain changes in British immigration law. In this context, we are looking to obtain information about:

1. The current number of immigration advisers currently accredited in Britain
2. Figures on the number of immigration advisers accredited in Britain between 1997 and 2016

I would therefore like to enquire whether these statistics are available to you. If so, I would be grateful if you were able to make them available to me, under relevant freedom of information legislation. In all publications resulting from this research project, the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner would of course be cited as their source.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this query.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

RESPONSE

10 February 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email.

I am the OISC's Information Officer and I will be dealing with your Freedom of Information request.

I can confirm that the OISC currently regulate 3413 immigration advisers. Please note that I am unable to comment on the number of immigration practitioners who are not regulated by the OISC.

I can also confirm that the OISC regulated 7157 immigration advisers between 2011-2017. Please note that the OISC deletes information older than 6 years old. Therefore, the OISC does not hold information for the number of immigration advisers regulated by it from 2001-2010.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Details on how to do this are on his website at <http://ico.org.uk/>

Regards,

For and on behalf of the Office of the Immigration Commissioner