

Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

Subject: Request for the full database of companies on the register

Date Released: 26 February 2015

Summary of request: The enquirer requested for the full database of companies on the register

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If I may explain, there are approximately 3 million live companies on the register and each company will contain historical data. Companies House received over 8 million documents during 2014 relating to these companies; therefore the register contains a vast amount of information.

Because the register is available to the public by undertaking a search via our website on Gov.UK, I must refuse your request. Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act.

Through our Products and Services, we offer company information as bulk data and images; however these products do attract a fee. For your information I have inserted a link to Companies House fees where you can review the bulk data that is provided and the fee associated with that product.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house/about/about-our-services#companies-house-fees>

Companies House does offer free data products that may provide the information you require. Our free data products can be accessed via the following link:

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