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Title: Private applications of trade marks

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Information request:

Please can you provide me with the following information

- In 2013 (or the latest year for which figures are available), what percentage of UK trade mark applications were filed by private applicants i.e. without using professionals such as trade mark/patent attorneys or solicitors?
- Since its introduction on 1 October 2013 what percentage of fast track oppositions have been filed by private applicants i.e. without using professionals such as trade mark/patent attorneys or solicitors?

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In answer to your first question, the percentage of unrepresented applicants for FY 2013/14 was 63%.

The figure for fast track applications from October 2013 to end of March 2014 was 18%.