## **Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Request for statistics relating to the number of dormant/trading Flat Management and RTM companies

Date Released: 9 June 2016

**Summary of request:** The enquirer requested statistics relating to the number of dormant/trading Flat Management and RTM companies

## Information Released

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many RPM's are dormant?
- 2. How many RPM's are trading?
- 3. How many RPM's were trading and then went dormant? and what year (s) on average did that happen? (if this information is available)

With regard to the information requested in questions 1 and 2. Companies House (CH) provides a snapshot of the company register as a free company data product which may assist you in locating Flat Management and Right to Manage companies that are either dormant or trading.

The spreadsheets containing this information can be accessed via the following link. <a href="http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en\_output.html">http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en\_output.html</a>

 $Column\ T-\text{`Accounts.AccountCategory' in these spreadsheets indicate whether a company is dormant or whether it has filed trading accounts.$ 

From these spreadsheets a 'Find' search could be undertaken in an attempt to locate the type of companies you are seeking. For example, you could search/filter using the UK Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities (SIC code) that relates to a company of this nature. I have inserted a link to the SIC code classifications but I believe that the code 98000 relates to Residents Property Management, although this code may not be solely for these types of companies.

 $\underline{https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/455263/SIC\_codes\_V2.}$  pdf

Alternatively, you may also consider searching using the words Flat Management or RTM, however with regard to the latter, the search will also capture companies that have the letters RTM in their name.

I must refuse your request in question 1 and 2 under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act.

With regard to the information requested in questions 3, I have been advised by our IT department that we do not capture whether a company is a Flat Management or Right to Manage company on our internal computer system. Therefore, we would be unable to provide any reliable/accurate information in response to this question.