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Subject: Request for statistics on the use of the power in Section 1073 of the Companies Act 2006

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Summary of request: The enquirer requested statistics on the use of the power in Section 1073 of the Companies Act 2006

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1. Let me know how often the power in section 1073 of the Companies Act 2006, "Power to accept documents not meeting requirements for proper delivery", is used in respect of accounts for small companies;

2. Give some typical examples of circumstances when:

a. the power is used; and

b. the power is not used

In response to question 1, I have been advised that Companies House (CH) does not collate any statistics on when the Registrar accepted documents not meeting requirements for proper delivery in respect of small accounts.

A typical example of circumstances when the power is used is when, for example in a large document, it may not be apparent to the registrar that something is missing or incorrect, and he may register it without noticing. An example of when the power is not used is when CH correctly rejects a document because there is an error or something that should be included in the document is missing.