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Subject: Request for statistics relating to the collection of late filing penalties for dormant companies

Date Released: 29 June 2016

Summary of request: The enquirer requested statistics relating to the collection of late filing penalties for dormant companies

Information Released

You asked "what is the percentage or success rate for collection of fines recovered by Companies House against dormant companies for late filing."

Companies House (CH) does not hold or collate information in this format. Late filing penalties are imposed on all companies that file accounts late regardless of the size or trading status of the company. We do not make any correlation between accounts that are delivered late and the type of accounts that have been delivered.

Whilst CH does not collect information specifically on late filed dormant accounts and whether these particular penalties have been paid or not, we collect a variety of information concerning the Late Filing Penalty regime. The following are direct links to this information which you may find helpful:

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/late-filing-penalty-statistics-2015-2016 (Late Filing penalty statistics on penalties imposed/received/cancelled/not collected)

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/companies-register-activities-statistical-release-20142015 (Table A8 refers to analysis of civil penalties issued for the late filing of accounts)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/446159/Annual_Report_201415.pdf

(In this report Chapter 8 concerns the Late Filing Penalty regime)