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Title: Request for patent and trade mark data

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Information request:

Datasets of patents and trade marks, matching supplied templates.

Information released:

We publish a dataset of patents that have reached publication stage and/or been granted and a similar dataset of trade mark information. We do not at present have similar information available for registered designs.

The datasets don't include all the information you are interested in; we can only provide you with applicant details (only those first listed in the case of joint applicants), not those of the inventors (if different), nor does the data include the titles of each patent. Inclusion of this additional information would at present be prohibitively expensive for the IPO and would certainly exceed the cost limit specified within the UK Freedom of Information legislation.

(For your information, we are obliged to comply with requests for information such as yours unless it would cost us more than £600 to do so, equivalent to 24 hours of work. As the compilation of the additional data would far exceed this sum we will not be able to provide you with all the information you have asked for.)

The patent dataset is available as an xlsx file at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ipo-patent-data#history> . The trade mark dataset is a much larger text file which is not conducive to easy reference, so we recommend that you use an analysis package to read it. The link is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ipo-trade-mark-data-release> .

I am sorry that we are unable to provide you with all the information you are looking for, but hope that what we have published will be useful to you. You may be interested in other statistics we publish at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/patent-trade-mark-design-and-hearing-data-2013-and-2014> . At present we publish the review annually, but hope to update it more frequently in the future.