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Title: Applications for State Aid Approval in 2014

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Information request

The number of applications made by BIS on behalf of the UK Government for approval of State Aid from the EU in 2014 broken down by quarter and by monetary value.

If possible, within the time and cost limits permitted under FOIs, please provide the figures broken down by the industry sectors that state aid is available to (e.g. automotive, manufacturing etc.) and by monetary value.

I would also like to know how many of these applications were general notifications, i.e. covered by 'block exemptions' etc., and also how many of these applications were ones that required a detailed 'assessment' for aid.

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Broadly, State aid falls into three categories:

- 1) Aid which is notified to the Commission and does not require an assessment before approval is given
- 2) Aid which requires an assessment by the Commission before approval is given
- 3) Aid which can be given without the need to notify the Commission.

I understand your request as relating to the first two types of aid; the UK government holds no centralised record of the latter type of aid.

Information regarding aid under categories 1 and 2 above is attached.

Please note that as part of the EU Commission's State Aid Modernisation Programme, schemes operating under the General Block Exemption Regulation

(Category 1, above) had to be re-notified to the Commission following the implementation of new GBER regulations on 1st July 2014, leading to a greater than usual number of GBER notifications for this year.

Information regarding monetary values of aid (2014) is not available. Statistics with regard to monetary values of all aid paid in 2014 are collated by BIS and provided to the Commission in July 2015. This information will be published by the Commission at the end of the year and will be readily available on the Commission's website. We do not collect the information by quarter. Archived information can be viewed on the Commission's website at:

http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/scoreboard/index_en.html