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Information request:

According to the document at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/historical-patent-data> data on historical (19th century) patents is available at the regional level within the United Kingdom. Is that true? And is it available?

Information released:

The patent statistics we have from the end of the 19th century are available on a broad regional basis (Scotland, Ireland and England together with Wales). I have attached the relevant extracts from our old annual reports. (Figures not available for 1915 to 1919.)