

## **Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Request for statistics on the number of companies in Wales that have gone into receivership and have been incorporated in 2010/11 and the number of staff employed by Companies House during this period.

**Date Released:** 16 February 2015

**Summary of request:** The enquirer requested statistics on the number of companies in Wales that have gone into receivership and have been incorporated in 2010/11 and the number of staff employed by Companies House during this period.

### **Information released**

I have responded to your questions in the order that they appear in your request.

#### **1. How many companies went into receivership in Wales in the financial year of 2010/11 and every financial year since? Can you break these figures down by constituency, local authority or region please?**

Please see the Companies Register Activities, open the Excel spreadsheet then refer to Table C2, receiverships notified for England & Wales from 2009-10 to 2013-14.

Companies registered at Companies House Cardiff are classed as registered in England and Wales not Wales alone.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/companies-register-activities-statistical-release-2013-to-2014>

You can extract some of the information you require via our DVD ROM Product for companies that have their registered office in Wales. The search facility will allow you to search company status (in receivership) and you can search address lines to find the region you require, it may not give an accurate figure for the information you need as some registered offices may be the accountants or agents address which may be in a different region to the actual company)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house/about/about-our-services#dvd-dir>

#### **2. How many new companies in Wales have registered in the financial year of 2010/11 and every financial year since? Again, can you break these figures down by constituency, local authority or region?**

Please see the Companies Register Activities, Table A1. The figures show are for companies registered in England and Wales.

You are able to extract this information via our DVD ROM Product. The search facility will allow you to search registered office address line and range date of incorporation (please note although you can search address lines to find the region you require, it may not give an accurate figure for the information you need as some registered offices may be the accountants or agents address so may be in a different region to the actual company)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house/about/about-our-services#dvd-dir>

Unfortunately I am unable to provide this information free of charge as under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act.

### **3. How many staff were employed by Companies House in Wales in 2010/11?**

The figures can be found in the Companies House annual report for 2010/11 but the staffing figure for that date at our Cardiff office was 1107.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/247392/1126.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/247392/1126.pdf)

### **4. How many staff are employed by Companies House in Wales according to the latest available figures?**

The figures can be found in our annual report but the latest headcount for our Cardiff office (as of December 2014) was 904.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/343218/AnnualReportFull2013\\_14.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/343218/AnnualReportFull2013_14.pdf)

### **5. What plans are there to reduce or increase the number of Companies House staff in Wales in the future?**

Plans to reduce or increase headcount are contained in the Strategic Plan available on the gov.uk website (please see summary on page 3). This is also updated via the business plan publication on a yearly basis.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/companies-house-strategic-plan-2014-to-2019>