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**Information request:**

The number of UK trade mark hearings (including absolute ground hearings, relative ground/opposition/invalidity hearings, telephone hearings, case management hearings and hearings in person) that have taken place over the last 10 years.

**Information released:**

The figures for TM hearings are published in the IPO Facts & Figures, towards the end of each report. Separate figures are published for ex-parte and inter-partes cases, as well as specifically revocation, invalidity and rectification cases. Although we do not collect and publish hearings by type, all telephone and case management hearings are included in the overall total, though we do not have separate figures for absolute and relative grounds objections.