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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your email of 2nd August 2024 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service (the agency):

"I would like to make a freedom of information request for the following:

The annual number of construction company insolvencies in England and Wales for each year between 1990 and 2023.

If possible, please can this information be provided in a spreadsheet format."

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm the agency holds the information that you have requested. This information is available to you at the website link below:

For data on company insolvencies in the construction industry in England and Wales by year from 1990 to 2013, please refer to the archived statistics at [\[ARCHIVED CONTENT\] Historic Data Menu \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#). In particular, the 'Company liquidations by industry in England and Wales, 1990 to Q3 2006' and 'Insolvency Statistics by Industry (SIC) Q3 2007 to present' links. Please note that industry classifications have changed over time (from the Insolvency Trade Classification to SIC 2003 and now SIC 2007), so numbers are not directly comparable.

Data on company insolvencies by industry (England and Wales) from 2014 to the most recent month are available in our monthly official [Company Insolvency Statistics](#) publication. Table 1c of the [Data Tables](#) contains the requested counts.

Because this information is reasonably accessible to you the agency is not obliged to provide you with a separate copy of the information pursuant to the exemption at section 21 of FOIA.

Complaints

If you are not satisfied with the response we have provided to you and would like us to reconsider our decision by way of an internal review (IR), please contact our Information Rights team within 40 working days of this letter at foi@insolvency.gov.uk or by post at:

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You also have the right to contact the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) if you wish for them to investigate any complaint you may have regarding our handling of your request. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect an IR to have been completed in the first instance.

Kind regards

Information Rights Team
The Insolvency Service

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