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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your email of 19th September 2024 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service (the agency):

"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- The number of creditors voluntary liquidations in construction businesses each year since 2010***
- The number of compulsory liquidations in construction businesses each year since 2010***

Please provide the information via email.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

In any case, if you can identify ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.

I look forward to your response within 20 working days as stipulated by the Act."

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 and I have provided answers to your questions below.

The data for this request can be found in [statistics releases](#) published by the Insolvency Service (note that while the request makes reference to annual numbers of compulsory liquidations and creditor's voluntary liquidations in construction businesses, published statistics and the information held by the Insolvency Service relate to companies only).

At present, information relating to compulsory liquidations and creditors' voluntary liquidations by industry are published quarterly, with the most recent publication for Q2 published in July 2024: [Company Insolvency Statistics, June 2024](#). The most recent published statistics release which contains 2010 data using the SIC 2007 classification system is [Company Insolvency Statistics: October to December 2020](#).

As such, annual statistics relating to compulsory liquidations and creditors' voluntary liquidations for construction companies from 2010 to 2013 can be found in the *Company Insolvency Statistics: October to December 2020* statistics release, in [Tables A2a and A3a](#), respectively, of the 'Industry Tables in Excel (xlsx) Format - Company Insolvency Statistics October to December 2020' workbook (see row 12 for information relating to construction companies). Annual statistics for 2014 to 2023 can be found in the *Company Insolvency Statistics, June 2024* publication, specifically from [Tables A2 and A3](#) in the 'Industry Tables in Excel (xlsx) Format - Company Insolvency Statistics June 2024' workbook (see rows 177 and 176, respectively).

Please note that the most recent published industry tables for 2024 only include months up to May 2024 for compulsory liquidations and June 2024 for creditors' voluntary liquidations. Also, numbers in historic publications may not match exactly the latest publication due to methodological changes and revisions to past data.

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 Commissioner's 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.

Yours sincerely

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