



The Insolvency  
Service

**Information Rights Team**  
The Insolvency Service  
Cannon House  
18 Priory Queensway  
Birmingham  
B4 6FD

Tel: 0300 678 0015

[foi@insolvency.gov.uk](mailto:foi@insolvency.gov.uk)

[www.gov.uk/insolvency-service](http://www.gov.uk/insolvency-service)

Our ref: FOI24/25-086

Date: 21 October 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request**

Thank you for your email of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service (the agency):

*"I am reaching out requesting the following information:*

**1. An updated data on your previously released 'levels of statutory fee recovery on Bankruptcies and Compulsory Liquidations, 2017/18 to 2021/22' available on [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levels-of-statutory-fee-recovery-on-bankruptcies-and-compulsory-liquidations-201718-to-202122/levels-of-statutory-fee-recovery-on-bankruptcies-and-compulsory-liquidations-201718-to-202122>] to include the data gathered during the financial year 2022/2023.**

**2. A breakdown of compulsory liquidation for the financial years 2017/2018 to 2022/2023 according to asset types, in specific including data on compulsory liquidation of family home for the financial years 2017/2018 to 2022/2023.**

**You subsequently clarified this question as follows:**

**(a) A breakdown of the number of the bankrupt's home asset sale as part of assets realisation in bankruptcy proceedings taking place during the financial years 2017/2018 to 2022/2023.**

**(b) A breakdown of the number of the bankrupt's home assets identified in bankruptcy proceeding but not realised following legal restrictions on family home.**

**3. An estimation of asset values in bankruptcy claim for the financial years 2017/2018 to 2022/2023.**

**4. An estimation of asset values in bankruptcy differentiating between asset values in creditor initiated bankruptcy claim and asset values in debtor's bankruptcy claim."**

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

I can confirm the agency holds some of the information that you have requested, and I have provided answers to your questions below and attached to this email.

**1. An updated data on your previously released ‘levels of statutory fee recovery on Bankruptcies and Compulsory Liquidations, 2017/18 to 2021/22’ available on [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levels-of-statutory-fee-recovery-on-bankruptcies-and-compulsory-liquidations-201718-to-202122/levels-of-statutory-fee-recovery-on-bankruptcies-and-compulsory-liquidations-201718-to-202122] to include the data gathered during the financial year 2022/2023.**

The agency does not hold the information you have requested.

Please note FOIA only applies to recorded information, it does not require public authorities to create information in order to answer a question.

The analysis you are requesting for the year 2022/2023 was not carried out. The analysis provided in the link was a one-off piece of analysis. This was not carried out for the year you have requested.

**2. Due to the clarification you provided, your question has been interpreted as just relating to bankruptcies and not compulsory liquidations, ie as follows:**

- (a) A breakdown of the number of the bankrupt’s home asset sale as part of assets realisation in bankruptcy proceedings taking place during the financial years 2017/2018 to 2022/2023.**
- (b) A breakdown of the number of the bankrupt’s home assets identified in bankruptcy proceeding but not realised following legal restrictions on family home.**

Information held; please see ‘Table 1’ in the attached excel document.

Note, these figures relate to family home assets recorded in our system show as realised by any method.

**3. An estimation of asset values in bankruptcy claim for the financial years 2017/2018 to 2022/2023.**

Information held; please see ‘Table 2’ in the attached excel document.

Please note that these are estimated values. Actual realised amounts may differ for a number of reasons.

**4. An estimation of asset values in bankruptcy differentiating between asset values in creditor initiated bankruptcy claim and asset values in debtor’s bankruptcy claim.”**

Information held; please see ‘Table 2’ in the attached excel document.

Please note that these are estimated values. Actual realised amounts may differ for a number of reasons.

## **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](mailto:foi@insolvency.gov.uk) or by post at:

Information Rights Team  
The Insolvency Service  
3rd Floor  
Cannon House  
18 Priory Queensway  
Birmingham  
B4 6FD  
United Kingdom

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

Information Rights Team  
The Insolvency Service

The Department for Business and Trade, Official Receivers and the Adjudicator are Data Controllers in respect of personal data processed by the Insolvency Service. For the details about how personal data is processed by the agency, please see the full Insolvency Service Personal Information Charter here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/insolvency-service/about/personal-information-charter>