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Dear [REDACTED]

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

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

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

- 1. Number of Bankruptcies by employment status arranged based on location and/or regional basis for the year 2023.*
- 2. Number of Bankruptcies by employment status arranged based on location and/or regional basis for the year 2022.*
- 3. Number of Bankruptcies by employment status arranged based on location and/or regional basis for the year 2021.*
- 4. Number of Bankruptcies by employment status arranged based on location and/or regional basis for the year 2020.*
- 5. Number of Bankruptcies by employment status arranged based on location and/or regional basis for the year 2019."*

Following our request, you provided the following clarification:

*"1. Employment status: Is whether the debtor filing for bankruptcy is self-employed (trader), other individuals or unknown.*

*2. Regional basis: A breakdown of the number of debtors filing for bankruptcy between the years (2019-2023) who are self-employed (trader), other individuals or unknown in each region in England and Wales.*

*3. Location: A breakdown of the number of debtors filing for bankruptcy between the years (2019-2023) who are self-employed (trader), other individuals or unknown in each local authority in England and Wales.”*

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 it is attached to this email. Please note, there are some caveats to the information provided – these caveats are also included in the attached Excel document.

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Information held; please see attached excel document.

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## **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:

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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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