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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your email of 7 April 2025 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service (the agency):

“Further to FOI23/24-210, to which I received a response on 24 February 2024, I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information:

The total number of planned redundancies (based on HR1 forms submitted to the Insolvency Service) by 2 or 3-digit SIC code, by quarter, over the last 24 quarters.

I previously asked for a 4-digit SIC code breakdown. A 2 or 3-digit SIC code breakdown would be too high level to identify individual companies from and would not prejudice the commercial interests of any businesses.”

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, however, we estimate the cost of identifying and extracting the information will exceed the appropriate cost limit. Your request is therefore refused section 12(1) of FOIA.

The appropriate limit has been specified for Central Government at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 24 hours in determining whether the agency holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

To collate this information, we would need to manually check every case in our case management system against company details held at Companies House. Our system does not record 2 and 3 digit SIC codes against HR1 submissions in a way that can be reported with our current reporting tools. To manually check every case from the last 24 quarters and cross-reference these with company details would take far more than 24 hours.

Normally if you were to make a new request for a narrower category of information, we may be able to comply with the renewed request within the appropriate limit, however, we cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

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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