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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your email of 16 May 2025 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service (the agency):

"I wish to request the following information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

Context: I saw this article on your website (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seven-year-ban-for-suffolk-car-wash-owner-who-employed-illegal-workers) which says: 'Vito's Car Care was fined £180,000 for the immigration breach. The fine currently remains unpaid.'

1) For each of the last five years, what is a) the total number of fines b) the total number of unpaid fines c) the total amount of unpaid fines for immigration breaches. Please arrange the data in the following table.

/ Year / Total number of fines / Number of unpaid fines / Outstanding unpaid fines (£) /

2) Regarding this case, what was the provision in law which this immigration breach led to the individual being charged under?"

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

The agency holds some of the information you have requested. Where we hold the information, I have provided the answers below:

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The agency does not hold this information. Your request relates to immigration breaches which would be dealt with by the Home Office.

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

2) Regarding this case, what was the provision in law which this immigration breach led to the individual being charged under.

It is important to note that the financial penalty was issued after a breach of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006. Your request refers to where 'the *individual* being charged'. The penalty is issued against the company and not the individual. Further details regarding the financial penalty should be directed to the Home Office who issued that penalty.

In relation to the disqualification of the director, the provision in law which led to the action taken against the individual was via the amendment to s8 of Company Directors Disqualification Act in 2015 which permits the Secretary of State to use other regulator/authority investigatory material in assessing, and deciding, whether disqualification is appropriate.

Complaints

If you are not satisfied with the response we have provided 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,

Information Rights Team The Insolvency Service

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