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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your email of 27 June 2025 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service (the agency):

"I am trying to locate statistics on bankruptcy orders broken down by petition type (creditor/debtor) and trading status/(self-employed and individual), for the period 1975-2000.

I would be grateful if you could let me know if you have these data in an accessible format (I note that you seem to have these data for a later period)."

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 it is attached to this email.

The agency does not hold any information on the split of trader type on the time period requested.

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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