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[By email]

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Dear

Freedom of Information : Right to know request

We refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) for the following information:

- “1. I would like to know how many firms have applied for FCA authorisation in the "debt collecting" category.*
- 2. Of these firms how many applications have been determined so far.*
- 3. Of those determined, what percentage were successful.”*

Your request has now been considered and the relevant information is detailed below as at 31 May 2016

With regards to point 1, I can confirm that 1127 firms applied for FCA authorisation for “debt collecting”. Please note that this is based on the information in our system and has not been manually corrected to allow for any changes to what was applied for during applications which are still in progress.

With regards to point 2, I can confirm that 902 of these applications have been determined

Finally for point 3, by successful we have taken this to mean those applications that were approved. I can confirm that 62% of determined applications were successfully approved.

If you have any queries then please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Information Access Team