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Dear

### **Freedom of Information : Right to know request**

Thank you for your request dated 15 October 2018 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Before considering our response to your request, it is important to know that the information below relates to regulated bill of sale loan agreements only. If the borrower is not an individual or relevant recipient of credit\*, or the value of the agreement is more than £25,000 and predominantly for business purposes, then the agreement will not be regulated. A lender will not need to be authorised to enter into such agreements.

Your request has been considered and answered in turn.

### **How many authorised Bill of Sale Lenders Oct 1st 2018**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 there were 26 authorised firms with permission for *Entering into a bill of sale loan agreement as lender*, and *Exercising or having the right to exercise the lender's rights and duties under a bill of sale loan agreement*.

An additional 21 authorised firms held permission for *Exercising or having the right to exercise the lender's rights and duties under a bill of sale loan agreement*. These firms cannot enter into new regulated bill of sale loan agreements, and may need this permission to administer a backbook of loans, or to act as a debt purchaser.

### **How many Bills of Sale registered 1st Oct 2017 to 30th Sept 2018**

The FCA does not hold data on the number of Bills of Sale registered at the High Court.

However, firms which hold permission for *Entering into a bill of sale loan agreement as lender*, are required to report the number of new regulated Bill of Sale agreements entered into as part of the *CCR002 - Consumer Credit Data: Volumes* data item (see template in [SUP 16 Annex 38A](#) of the Handbook).

This return must be submitted for reporting periods which are relative to the firms' [accounting reference date](#). This means we cannot provide data which covers the new bill of sale agreements entered into between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Instead we can aggregate the firms' relevant reported data for the reporting years which ended between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Using this aggregation, firms which held permission for *Entering into a bill of sale loan agreement as lender* reported that they entered into 34,085 regulated bill of sale loan agreements.

### **Total value of Bills of Sale loans 1st Oct 2017 to 30th Sept 2018**

Firms which hold permission for *Entering into a bill of sale loan agreement as lender*, are required to report the value of new regulated Bill of Sale agreements entered into as part of the CCR003 - Consumer Credit Data: Lenders data item (see template in [SUP 16 Annex 38A](#) of the Handbook).

Using the same methodology as for new agreements entered into, firms which held permission for *Entering into a bill of sale loan agreement as lender* reported that they entered into regulated bill of sale loan agreements with a total value of £36,134,000.

\* A relevant recipient of credit is defined in article 60L of Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 (SI 2001/544) as follows:

*(a) a partnership consisting of two or three persons not all of whom are bodies corporate, or*

*(b) an unincorporated body of persons which does not consist entirely of bodies corporate and is not a partnership.*

Yours sincerely

Information Disclosure Team