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Our Ref: FOI6711

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

Thank you for your redefined request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"), dated 21 August 2019, for the following information:

- *"The number of requirements added to firms in the last 5 years up to and including 2018/19, broken down by financial year and by primary sector (but not broken down into OIREQ and VREQs)*
- *The number of requirements removed from firms in the last 5 years up to and including 2018/19, broken down by financial year and by primary sector (but not broken down into OIREQ and VREQs),"*

In our emails of 19 September, 18 and 31 October 2019, we advised we needed more time to consider whether the balance of public interest in the retention of information outweighed the public interest in its disclosure. Having now completed this exercise, I can confirm we hold the information you are seeking, which is set in the attached Annex A.

To note the 'Not categorised' numbers in the table attached relate to those firms who had cancelled their permissions prior to our most recent categorisation of "primary sectors", and which therefore could not be reconciled against the categories currently in use.

If you are unhappy with the decision made in relation to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to exercise this right you should contact us within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625 545 700. Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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