

## **Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Statistical information on new companies incorporated and dissolved in the UK

**Date Released:** 29 July 2009

**Summary of request:** The enquirer requested statistical information on the number of new companies incorporated and dissolved within the UK for 2007, 2008 and so far in 2009.

### **Information released:**

You have asked for statistical information on the number of new companies incorporated and dissolved within the UK for 2007, 2008 and so far in 2009.

Unfortunately we are unable to supply figures for the UK as, at present we do not have access to statistics relating to companies registered in Northern Ireland. We can however provide figures for the number of new companies incorporated and dissolved for England/Wales, Scotland and Great Britain. These figures can be found in the Companies House publication 'Statistical Tables on Companies Register Activities 2008-09', Table A1 published on our website. The table reports figures for the five financial years from 2004-05 to 2008-09.

To access this information go to our website please click on the following link:

[http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/pdf/companiesRegActivities2008\\_2009.pdf](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/pdf/companiesRegActivities2008_2009.pdf)

You have also requested these figures so far for 2009. Again we are unable to provide statistics for the UK but monthly figures showing the activity within the company register from April 2009, May 2009 and June 2009 can be found on our website. Click on the following link then:

<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/businessRegisterStat.shtml>

- Select Business register statistics for figures relating to the dissolution of companies
- Select Workload Statistics for figures relating to the incorporation of companies

You have requested a break down of the number of companies incorporated and dissolved by area. As you will see from the information provided, we do not report statistics in this format. However as part of our products and services package, Companies House produces a DVD ROM Directory, which contains basic company details on over two million companies at a cost of £30. A search of the DVD can be made using the specific postcode for the area concerned. If you require further information with regard to this product, please contact our Customer Care Department on telephone number 029 2038 0820.

I must therefore refuse your request as under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act. I therefore cannot provide you with the DVD ROM free of charge.