

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

**Subject:** Annual Returns submitted late in each of the last 3 years and the date Companies House introduced on-line filing

**Date Released:** 25 February 2009

**Summary of request:** The enquirer requested the number of annual returns submitted late for each of the last 3 years and the date Companies House introduced on-line filing only

### **Information released:**

Although the statistics requested are not available through our normal products and services list, Companies House does offer a service for 'bespoke' products. On receipt of a request for information our IT section will write a programme to extract the information required from the public register. Unfortunately, due to the way the information was held in our previous computer system, we are only able to provide accurate information for 2008 and 2009.

Please note that the charge for supplying this information would be £186. If you would like to proceed with this request and you are prepared to pay for this bespoke product, please contact Mrs Thomas in our Marketing department, who will obtain this information for you. [Sthomas1@companieshouse.gov.uk](mailto:Sthomas1@companieshouse.gov.uk)

Unfortunately 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 and as such I must refuse your request under this exemption.

With regard to the second element of your request concerning the date when Companies House introduced on-line filing, I can confirm that Electronic Filing was introduced in October 1998 and Web Filing was introduced in May 2001.