

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

**Subject:** Company's habits when filing Accounts and Annual Returns

**Date Released:** 20 February 2008

**Summary of request:** Request for statistical information concerning company's filing habits when filing Accounts and Annual Returns

### **Information released:**

You requested statistical information on company's habits when filing Annual Returns and Accounts. Answers to your questions have been inserted in bold and are Great Britain averages based on January 08 filing patterns.

1. Companies habits when filing accounts.

a) What is the percentage of companies that file their accounts late?

**Of the companies that filed their accounts in January on average 15% filed late.**

b) What is the percentage of companies that file their accounts in the month before their deadline?

**Of the companies that filed their accounts in January on average 33% filed in the month before their deadline.**

c) What is the percentage of companies that file their accounts earlier than a month before their deadline?

**Of the companies that filed their accounts in January on average 52% filed in earlier than a month before their deadline.**

2. Companies habits when filing annual return?

a) What is the percentage of companies that file their annual return late?

**Of the companies that filed their annual returns in January on average 42% filed late.**

b) What is the percentage of companies that file their annual return in the month before their deadline?

**Of the companies that filed their annual returns in January on average 57% filed in the month before their deadline.**

c) What is the percentage of companies that file their annual return earlier than a month before their deadline?

**Of the companies that filed their annual returns in January on average 1% filed in earlier than a month before their deadline.**