

Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

Subject: Statistics relating to the PROOF Scheme to 19 May 2005.

Date Released: 20 May 2008

Summary of request: Request for the number of companies that has signed up to the PROOF scheme as at the 19 May 2008. The figures also incorporate PLC companies that have signed up.

Information released:

I am pleased to be able to provide the following information taken from our records on 19/05/2008:

Out of 2,615,001 live England/Wales Companies 85,273 companies are PROOF (3.26%)

Out of 151,897 live Scottish Companies 566 companies are PROOF (0.37%)

Please note that the scheme does apply to PLCs and the figures would include any PLCs that have signed up for the scheme.