

Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

Subject: Statistics on fines and prosecutions under section 242a for the financial year 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007

Date Released: 14 August 2007

Summary of request:

The enquirer requested statistical information on fines and prosecutions under section 242A.

Information released:

The figures provided are for the financial year 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

1. **The total number of fines issued under Section 242A of the Companies Act**
The total number of penalties issued for companies registered in Great Britain during the last financial year was 220,898.
2. **The total amount of fines issued under Section 242A of the Companies Act.**
The total amount of fines issued to companies registered in Great Britain during the last financial year was £48,722 (figures in thousands).
3. **The total number of prosecutions made under Section 242 of Companies Act.**
The numbers of prosecutions during the last financial year were as follows: (note that these figures are split as prosecutions are dealt with differently in Scotland to England and Wales).
England and Wales - 4,084
Scotland - 335
These prosecutions are under Sections 242(1) and 242(2) for Failure to deliver Accounts. It should be noted that a number of prosecutions dealt with in the above figures were started before April 2006.