Dear Bob Eggerton

I refer to your email dated 06/12/2024 and your request for information made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I apologise for the delay in responding.

You requested various information regarding the Register of Overseas Entities (ROE) enforcement. The Companies House response is provided below:

How many overseas entities have been identified across England and Wales by Companies House as being potentially in breach of the legislation because of a failure to register with Companies House?

At the start of enforcement action there was 3,106 entities identified as being in scope for failing to register as being the registered proprietor or land/property in the UK.

How do you find out about entities being in breach? Are you informed by the Land Registry of every such entity that has an interest in land? Or do you depend on individuals alerting you to potential breaches?

Data is provided by HM Land Registry detailing which overseas entities own property/land in the UK. Companies House compares this against the register.

The total number of entities identified as being in breach, how many to date have rectified their situation?

830 entities identified in the initial 3,106 are recorded as rectifying their situation.

How many penalties or other enforcement actions have you taken since the new law came into effect?

Companies House have issued 4,778 penalty warning notices to 3,106 entities. 444 penalties have been issued.

If you are dissatisfied with the result of your request for information you may request an

internal review within two calendar months of the date of this email. The case will be reviewed by a senior member of staff who has had no previous involvement in this case.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are then not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information can be found at

https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Team

Companies House