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[By email]

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Dear

Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), made on 29th October 2018, for the following information:

1. "Please could you provide me with the overall number of mutual society applications for authorisations received per year without a breakdown of types of mutual societies, for the last two years.
2. Please could you also indicate how you hold application data? For example, are applications digitised, and what fields does any database contain?"

Your request has now been considered and we can confirm we hold the information you are requesting. To address point 1 first, see below a table setting out the number of mutual society applications received per year. To be helpful, we have provided the number of applications per year for the last five years.

Year	Applications to register a new society received
2018 up to 07/11/2018	267
2017	362
2016	363
2015	423
2014	323
Total	1738

Regarding point 2, we digitise (as PDFs) all applications received by post. Applications received by email are already digitised (as PDFs). The PDFs are not searchable as data. Our database keeps a record of when applications are received, if they were accepted, and the case number.

Yours sincerely

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