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Freedom of Information : Right to know request

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), for the following information:

1. *“How many individuals currently have permission to advise on regulated mortgage contracts?”*
2. *How many of these are female?*

3. *How many individuals had permission to advise on regulated mortgage contracts in 2010?*
4. *How many of these were female?”*

Your request has now been considered and I confirm that we hold some of the information you have requested. However, for your information, it is the firms who are granted permissions not the individuals and although we hold information relevant to the firms who hold “mortgage permissions” it is not held in a readily extractable format.

In order for us to provide you with some information we have carried out a search of the firms RMA-G returns, concentrating only on those that hold mortgage permissions, to see how many advisors/individuals are attached to each firm.

We have used regulated activities to identify firms with mortgage permissions, for example, these activities would include:

- Advising on regulated mortgage contracts
- Entering into a regulated mortgage contract as lender
- Administering a regulated mortgage contract
- Arranging regulated mortgage contracts

Not all firms submit the RMA-G returns, but for the firms that do submit these returns we have run the report for the periods of: 01/01/2010 – 30/06/2010 and 01/01/2015 – 30/06/2015, as the RMA-G is submitted on half-yearly basis. The table below shows the number of firms with mortgage permissions and the number of advisors at those firms.

Firms with Mortgage Permissions	Jan-Jun 2010	Jan-Jun 2015
Number of firms	1,375	1,042

Number of advisors	21,476	21,351
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With Regard to the gender of those advisors, the firms are not obliged to provide us with that information, nor is there a space on the RMA-G return form to declare it. Therefore we are unable to provide you with the number of female advisors.

If you have any queries then please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Information Access Team