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Dear Mr McGrath

Thank you for your letter of 22 April 2013 regarding the numbers of bankruptcy cases in the UK involving Irish debtors.

The Insolvency Service deals with bankruptcies in England and Wales. Bankruptcies in Scotland and Northern Ireland are dealt with by the Accountant in Bankruptcy (Scotland) and DETI (Northern Ireland). I am, therefore, only able to provide information on cases in England and Wales.

In your letter, you ask for information on Irish citizens, residents or persons with an Irish address who have been made bankrupt in the UK in recent years. Details of a debtor's nationality are not held by our case management system. The table below summarises the number of bankrupts in England and Wales who included an Irish address in their personal details:

Year (of court order)	Number of bankruptcy cases where "Ireland", "IRL" or "Republic of Ireland" appear within the address for the debtor
2006	12
2007	11
2008	8
2009	8
2010	15
2011	28
2012	75

The above data does not indicate, necessarily, the number of debtors who have relocated from Ireland to the UK specifically to obtain a bankruptcy order. Some of the addresses captured would be old addresses and the debtor may have been resident



in the UK for some time, even years, prior to entering bankruptcy. Data is collected separately from Official Receivers on cases where there is evidence that the debtor moved to England and Wales solely for the purpose of entering bankruptcy. Based on this data, the number of number of such debtors in 2012 was 35, up from 13 in 2011.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



for **Dr Richard Judge**
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