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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Request: 472022**

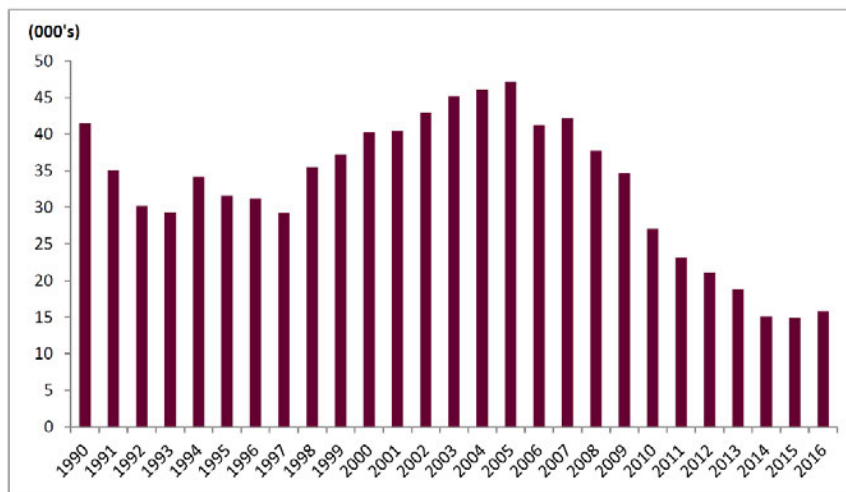
Following your email, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February requesting the following:

I am a 3rd year PhD candidate at the department of Engineering, University of Cambridge. One of the areas I am researching is the level of training in the UK construction industry.

I found the "Training and the Built Environment" reports published by the CITB from 2003-2017 very useful for my study.

I am especially interested in the following graph on the numbers of first-year trainees.

Chart 1 – Numbers of first-year trainees 1990-2016 (Great Britain: All occupations)



Would it be possible to obtain the raw data values for each year? Also, do you have data for the years after 2016 and before 1990?

The response is as follows:

The following table details the Raw data figures for the above chart plus data going back to 1974:

| Year | Trainees | Year | Trainees |
|------|----------|------|----------|
| 1974 | 55,700   | 1996 | 31,200   |
| 1975 | 53,900   | 1997 | 29,200   |
| 1976 | 51,500   | 1998 | 35,500   |
| 1977 | 42,000   | 1999 | 37,300   |
| 1978 | 44,200   | 2000 | 40,200   |
| 1979 | 44,500   | 2001 | 40,400   |
| 1980 | 48,100   | 2002 | 43,000   |
| 1981 | 41,700   | 2003 | 45,200   |
| 1982 | 37,500   | 2004 | 46,100   |
| 1983 | 33,500   | 2005 | 47,200   |
| 1984 | 33,600   | 2006 | 41,300   |
| 1985 | 32,700   | 2007 | 42,200   |
| 1986 | 31,800   | 2008 | 37,700   |
| 1987 | 28,800   | 2009 | 34,700   |
| 1988 | 31,800   | 2010 | 27,200   |
| 1989 | 40,400   | 2011 | 23,200   |
| 1990 | 41,500   | 2012 | 21,200   |
| 1991 | 35,100   | 2013 | 18,800   |
| 1992 | 30,200   | 2014 | 15,100   |
| 1993 | 29,300   | 2015 | 14,900   |
| 1994 | 34,200   | 2016 | 15,800   |
| 1995 | 31,600   |      |          |

With regards to figures post 2016, the survey used to collect this data was discontinued after the 2016 survey due to falling response rates.

If you are unhappy with this response, or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting Adrian Beckingham, Corporate Performance Director, CITB, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Peterborough, PB2 8TY or email [adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk](mailto:adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk).

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Yours sincerely

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