

COMPANIES HOUSE
STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO INFORMATION FAIR TRADING
BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

I am personally committed to making sure that we trade fairly in information. To show the strength of my commitment, both in Companies House and to our customers, I have asked the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) to begin the process of verifying that the organisation and decision making of Companies House support this commitment in practice.

I will insist that we strictly follow an open and transparent system of trading that meets the terms of the Competition Act 1998. My aim is that Companies House should be a world-class information provider; trusted as the foundation of information exchange about British companies and delivering excellent services to customers in a way that benefits the UK economy as a whole.

The role of information trading is written into our business model. We set prices in line with the role of information trading within that business model, on a purely cost-recovery basis.

I am committed to reducing as far as possible the administrative burden on people who re-use public sector information. To this end, we place the minimum possible limitations on the re-use of information for any purpose. I will make sure that we use processes for trading information that are similar to those in the rest of the public sector.

I will tell the Controller of OPSI about any complaints I receive alleging that Companies House has broken this commitment, and I will investigate them thoroughly. If OPSI decides to investigate a complaint, I will allow the OPSI investigation team to see relevant staff and records.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Jones', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gareth Jones
Chief Executive