

## **Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Details of Companies House video conferencing facilities

**Date Released:** 25 September 2007

**Summary of request:** Information on the current video conferencing facilities in use within Companies House and whether there are any plans to increase this capability in the future.

### **Information released:**

a) How many video conferencing units does Companies House have?

Companies House currently has 4 polycom video conferencing units.

(b) How often is video conferencing technology used in Companies House?

Unfortunately, we do not keep statistics on usage of the equipment, except to say it is popular particularly for meetings between our Cardiff, Nantgarw and Edinburgh offices.

(c) Does Companies House have any plans to purchase additional video conferencing units?

Companies House has no plans to purchase additional VC equipment.

(d) How is the use of video conferencing as an alternative to travel promoted internally in Companies House?

The use of VC equipment is encouraged but not mandated as an alternative to travel. It has for example caused a significant reduction in trips between Edinburgh and Cardiff and also between CH and BERR Centre.

**This information supersedes details of Companies House video conferencing facilities previously disclosed on 6 June 2007**