

1st June 2010

Your ref: Email dated 24/05/10
Our ref: R00222

Freedom of Information Request – Name Redacted

Introduction

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request, dated 24th May 2010

Your request is:

*In the period of February 2007 to June 2008 I handled the patent work for a client called **Name Redacted** who had a company called **Name Redacted** located firstly in **Information Redacted** and later at **Information Redacted** The invention related to **Information Redacted***

*During April 2008 **Name Redacted** asked me to prepare extensive estimates of the past and future patent costs for the purpose of obtaining a grant from SEEDA for payment of those costs. I am trying to resolve the question as to whether **Name Redacted** or her company received funding from SEEDA in the period of April to July 2008 and wondered if you could help?*

*In email correspondence with **Name Redacted** it appears that she received a grant or an award from SEEDA to cover the patent costs at the end of May 2008 or early June 2008. Indeed in an email sent to me by **Name Redacted** on another matter in early June 2008 **Name Redacted** inadvertently attached at the end of the email another email between her business advisor **Name Redacted** and herself that I believe I was not meant to see, in which it was clear that she had, or was about to receive the money from SEEDA "within the next 5 days" but it was apparent to me that she did not intend to pay my bills out of it.*

*Largely as a consequence of what was said in that email I sued **Name Redacted** and her company in the **Name Redacted** County Court for payment of my bills. The case is still being prosecuted.*

*Shortly after I commenced the action and not long after she would have received any funding from you, **Name Redacted** struck off the company. If she had received funds from SEEDA towards the patent costs as she said at the time, then it would appear that she has misappropriated the money for other purposes! I am hoping your records will shed some light on this. Presumably you follow up grants to make sure the money is spent for the allocated purpose?*

Information requested

As per our acknowledgement letter, dated 26th May 2010 our findings were as follows:-

We have investigated this funding and have found that the loan application was made to Finance South East and not SEEDA. Therefore we do not hold any of the information you have requested.

Finance South East is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act as they are not a company which is wholly owned by a public authority or a government department. (Please see the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Part 1 Section 6 for clarification).

Should you have any concerns about Finance South East funding we suggest you contact Finance South East direct, their website is <http://www.financesoutheast.com>.