



Mr H Gibson

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Our ref: FOI 2015/25

Dear Mr Gibson,

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2015, in which you request the following information from the UK Supreme Court (UKSC):

*Adoption Act 1926 – Orphans*

*The Adoption Act 1926 had the intention of rehoming Orphans who did not have any parents or family members.*

*What greater consideration does the state or adoptive families give when the mothers and fathers and family chosen by nature have given love and blood (DNA) and do not consent to the state taking their children.*

*Or are the parents treated as mere trustee's of their children and the State as the beneficiaries entitled to take and make gifts of their children to strangers?*

*Where is the fundamental right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for the sons and daughters of these mothers and fathers created by nature and entitled to the protection of equity.*

*Provide all information held relating to this Act being passed into law including who objected and how many times it was rejected before being passed ?*

I should explain that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) can be used to access recorded information held by a public body. It cannot be used to obtain guidance, opinions, conjecture or legal advice.

Section 84 of the Act states that in order for a request for information to be handled as a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, it must be for recorded information. For example, a Freedom of Information request would be for a copy of a policy, rather than an explanation as to why we have that policy in place.

Having assessed your question I have determined that it does not constitute a valid FOI request, and I am unable to deal with it under the terms of the Act. This is because you are not asking for recorded information, but are seeking an opinion or legal advice.

It might help if I explain that the role of the Supreme Court is to act as the final court of appeal in the UK for civil cases, and for criminal cases from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It hears cases of the greatest public or constitutional importance affecting the whole population. The UKSC is not able to offer advice, legal or otherwise.

I am sorry that I am unable to be of more assistance to you on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Lowson', written in a cursive style.

**Rebecca Lowson**  
Information Officer