

The oath taken by the Clerk of the Parliaments on appointment

Request:

Please provide me with the text of the oath taken by the Clerk of the Parliaments on appointment.

Response:

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOIA") provides a right of access, subject to specified exemptions, to recorded information held by a public authority. In the case of the House of Lords, the rights of access apply to recorded information held by the House of Lords Administration.

The House Administration holds this information. This information is publicly available and can be found on the Parliament website here:

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/faqs/house-of-lords-faqs/lords-cofp/>

As this information is already publicly available, we consider it exempt under section 21(1) of the FOIA, which provides an exemption from the duty to disclose information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by means other than making an FOI request.