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Your ref:

Our ref: 2018-417

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Date: 31 August 2018

Dear Deb Williams

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for information.

I refer to your email dated 13 August 2018 regarding a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested the following information:

Fees paid to Southend-On-Sea Insolvency Service Office 2010-2018

Please provide a break-down of fees paid, amount, court name, county court hearing centre, district registry of the high court, petition date, court order date, date credited to your account, case type, official receiver.

(a) debtor petitions etc

(b) creditor petitions etc

Our response:

The information you have requested do not constitute a Freedom of Information request therefore, your request is refused.

The Official Receiver at the Southend-On-Sea Insolvency Service Office is an officer of the court. FOI requests do not apply to courts and tribunals because these are governed by their existing rules (the Civil Procedure Rules in respect of the High Court and county courts).

The Insolvency Act 1986 states that "in the exercise of the functions of his office, a person holding the office of official receiver shall also be an officer of the court in relation to which

he exercises those functions" and when he/she is thus acting as statutory office holder, the official receiver is accountable to the court in respect of actions taken. The official receiver is not listed in the schedules of FOIA and is therefore not a "public authority" for the purposes of the FOIA therefore, your refused is refused.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision provided by the Insolvency Service you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Regards

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