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Dear Mr Elibank,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 25 November in which you have refined your earlier requests relating to the notifications of Secretaries of Synagogues to the Registrar General. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your initial request had asked for the notifications certifying all such Secretaries. Your first refined request then requested those certified under sections 67(b), (c) and (d) of the Marriage Act. We were unable to comply with those requests on cost grounds. Your further refined request now requests that:

**Please narrow my request to refer only to those notifications received under section 67 ( c ) of the Act, and those authorized by the Secretary of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue (as in, I am now only interested in those notifications pertaining to Liberal synagogues).**

Whilst we are able to oblige in this instance, and whilst I hope that this response answers your queries, please be aware that if you were to submit further refined requests of your original (ie of all Secretary notifications), breaking them down into smaller sub-requests, we might, depending on the circumstances of the case, decline to answer if the aggregated cost of complying exceeds £600, as permitted by the Fees Regulations.

In terms of your present request, we do not hold any notifications received under section 67( c ) of the Marriage Act. Those notifications pertaining to the Liberal synagogues have been received under section 67(d) of the Marriage Act. These are attached in annexes to this letter. We have redacted personal information that identifies an individual under section 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference FOICR 16768/10.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complain to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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