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Dear Mr Jones,

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

Thank you for your email dated 10 June in which you asked for the following information from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office (JCIO):

Can you tell me the number of times in the last 5 years the JCIO has conducted an investigation of a Chamber President Judge in collaboration with the Judicial Office, knowing that the JO was involved in a complaint about the same Judge?

On how many other occasions has this kind of collaboration/collusion between the JCIO and the JO - or indeed any other organisation - taken place? And was Claire Farren, Joint Head of the JCIO made aware of this collaboration?

I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The FOIA provides a general right to members of the public to request information from a public authority as defined by section 3 of the Act. The Judicial Office is not a public authority within the meaning of section 3 because: a) it is not listed in schedule 1 of the Act; b) it has not been designated by order under section 5 of the Act; and c) it is not a publicly-owned company as defined by section 6 of the Act. For this reason, any information held on behalf of the Judicial Office which was provided to you in the past should have been provided on a discretionary basis outside the scope of the FOIA.

The Judicial Conduct Investigations Office (JCIO) does not hold any information within the scope of the request for the purposes of the FOIA. If the information was held, it would be held on behalf of the Judicial Office, which is an independent arms-length body of the MoJ, and which supports the Lord Chief Justice, the Senior President of Tribunals, and the judiciary more generally.

You can find the full text of the FOIA at: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (legislation.gov.uk).

Your personal data

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Yours sincerely,

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