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## Freedom of Information Request

Dear J Hicks

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 June 2016, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), in response to the reply you received regarding FOI 105941 on 27 June 2016:

I am writing to request an internal review of Ministry of Justice's handling of my FOI request 'Sonia Bunyan - Maidstone County Court Insolvency form 6.14'.

The FOI was placed on 31 May and the MOJ has delayed until 27 June to seek clarification of a FOI request that is both clear and precise.

Please supply a copy of the prescribed insolvency form 6.14 and your policy that must be followed that confirms form 6.14 is sent out by the court to the Chief Land Registrar by email when a bankruptcy order is made and the date any email was sent.

Thank you also for your e-mail of 28 June 2016, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), in response to the reply you received regarding FOI 105643 on 27 June 2016:

I am writing to request an internal review of Her Majesty's Courts and the Tribunals Service's handling of my FOI request 'Bankruptcy court fees - County Court in Maidstone'.

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Insolvency Service's handling of my FOI request 'Bankruptcy Petition Fees - County Court in Maidstone'.

This FOI request was placed on 28 May and HMCTS/MOJ have waited until 27 June to seek clarification on bankruptcy petitions when it is obvious I am referring to both Debtors and Creditor's petitions or it would have stated otherwise.

Creditor's fee's and also Debtor's fee's (debtors prior April 2016)

You also refer to a number of FOI requests being made to HMCTS since April 2016 that you state are insulting and harassing rather than valid FOI requests with the intention of seeking transparent answers under the FOI Act. Eleven FOI request have

## not been made to HMCTS nor to MOJ, which are the only ones that should concern your department and none as far as I am aware are as you describe.

Your requests have been passed to me because I have responsibility for answering requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your requests are being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

As both of your requests have provided clarification that was requested relating to FOI 105941 and FOI 105643, they have been aggregated to be handled under one new FOI reference – FOI 106238. Your requests will not be dealt with as Internal Reviews. Please be assured that the clarification the department requested previously was necessary in order to assist us with responding most accurately.

Under the Act, the department is required to provide you with a response within 20 working days. I will write to you in response to your request for information by 26 July 2016.

The Freedom of Information Act includes a number of exemptions to releasing information. Some of these are qualified exemptions which require us to consider whether it is in the public interest to disclose or withhold the information. In these circumstances we may need more time to consider your request, and if this is the case I will write to you by the date above to inform you of when you can expect to receive a response.

If you have any queries regarding this request please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting ref: FOI – 106238 in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

**South East Regional Support Unit**