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Dear Deb Williams

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 180802019

Thank you for your request, received on 2 August 2018, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

South-Eastern circuit Insolvency/Bankruptcy Courts & Judges

Please provide the full name and address of the following courts:

The County Court hearing centres having insolvency jurisdiction in the South-Eastern circuit, and a list of all district judges including deputy district judges etc.

The County Court hearing centres not located at Business and Property Courts which are specified by the Chancellor as "specialist" for the purpose of receiving transfers: Brighton, Croydon, Medway, Preston, Romford.

Business and Property Court of England and Wales and a list of the specialist judges including deputies etc.

A list of names of all the District Judges sitting in a District Registry for South-Eastern circuit including the Supervising Judge and including deputy district judges etc.

The Central London County Court and list of judges and deputies etc.

Royal Courts of Justice the ICC Judges and the High Court Judges etc.

Your request is being handled under the FOIA.

I have considered your request for information but I am unable to answer it without further clarification. Section 1(3) of the FOIA does not oblige us to answer requests where we require further clarification to identify and locate the information requested.

Please submit a revised FOIA request that clarifies the following

- Are you asking for lists of all District Judges and Deputy District Judges that sit on the South-Eastern Circuit, or are you asking only for lists of District Judges and Deputy District Judges that sit at Courts on the South-Eastern Circuit that have Insolvency Jurisdiction? To advise and assist you, please note that if you are asking for lists of all District Judges that sit on the South-Eastern Circuit, you can obtain this information from the following link:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/about-the-judiciary/who-are-the-judiciary/list-of-members-of-the-judiciary/district-judge-list/>

- Are you asking for the addresses of the County Courts at Brighton, Croydon, Medway, Preston, and Romford? If so, you can obtain this information using our on-line Court and Tribunal Finder tool that's available from the following link:

<https://courtribunalfinder.service.gov.uk/search/address>

- The Business and Property Courts of England and Wales includes specialist jurisdictions across England and Wales. The specialist jurisdictions are the Commercial Court (including the Admiralty Court), the Chancery Division Courts, and the Technology and Construction Court. In London these specialist jurisdictions operate together in the Rolls Building on Fetter Lane. Business and Property Courts have also been established in the five main regional centres where specialist business similar to that in the Rolls Building is undertaken, namely, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Leeds and Manchester. Please clarify which of these specialist courts and regional centres relates to your request for addresses, names of Judges, and deputies.

For further information, please see the following link:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/announcements/the-business-and-property-courts-of-england-and-wales/>

- You have asked for “**A list of names of all the District Judges sitting in a District Registry**”. Please clarify which District Registries your enquiry relates to.
- Please explain what you mean by “ICC Judges”, i.e. what ICC is an abbreviation of?
- Several parts of your request finish with, for example “**High Court Judges etc**”. It's not clear to us what information you are asking for where you say “etc”. Please clearly state what information you would like us to disclose.

If you wish to continue with your request, please consider the above points and send us a fresh request that clearly says what you are asking for. You may find it helpful to read the guidance on how to structure successful requests that's published on the ICO website at the following link:

http://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/official_information

Yours sincerely

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