



Ms Gibson

Via email: request-614022-84a2afe3@whatdotheyknow.com

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Our ref: 2019-90

Dear Ms Gibson,

Thank you for your freedom of information request which we received on 22nd October, in which you requested the following information from the UK Supreme Court:

- 1) Definition (with relevance today) of the United Kingdom's "morals" vis a vis those that are protected to assure a democratic society (Article 10 paragraph 2 ECHR);*
- 2) The exact content of legal requirements held to protect said "morals";*
- 3) The exact content of "necessities" of a "restriction" or "penalty" intended to meet these requirements, and*
- 4) The exact content defining the "margin of appreciation" relevant in this context.*
- 5) How often (in what years) have these legal definitions been changed, since 1973, and who was/is responsible for making these changes?*
- 6) If the responses to 1-5 above differ for the separate entities within the United Kingdom, to please respond to requests (above and below) for each of those distinct jurisdictions*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I should explain that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) can be used to access recorded information held by a public body.

Section 84 of the Act states that in order for a request for information to be handled as an FOI request, it must be for recorded information. For example, an FOI request would be for a copy of a policy, rather than an explanation as to why we have that policy in place. It cannot be used to obtain guidance, opinions, conjecture or legal advice.

Having assessed your question, I have determined that it does not constitute a valid FOI request, and I am unable to deal with it under the terms of the Act. This is because you are not asking for recorded information that the Court holds. I should also add that the UK Supreme Court is not able to offer advice, legal or otherwise.

If you are seeking legal advice, you may like to speak to a solicitor or contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau, details of which can be found at: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

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