



Stuart

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Via e-mail: request-182633-4c765afd@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: 2013/18

Dear Stuart,

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 October 2013 in which you asked for the following information.

If Court Judges are under an Oath of God could you please explain to me why the Sanctum is contradicted by allowing Female Judges?

I should explain that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) can be used to access recorded information held by a public body. It cannot be used to obtain guidance, opinions, conjecture or legal advice.

Section 84 of the Act states that in order for a request for information to be handled as a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, it must be for recorded information. For example, a Freedom of Information request would be for a copy of a policy, rather than an explanation as to why we have that policy in place.

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, but are seeking an opinion or legal advice.

I am sorry that I am unable to be of help on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Swaile'.

Laura-Jayne Swaile
Case Manager (Costs)