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Our ref: UH/121/09

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Dear

### **ESTATE OF MICHAEL MCLOUGHLIN**

Thank you for your request dated 6 May under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for further information this office may have with regard to the name of the person to whom he was married, their date and place of marriage and when they were divorced.

We do endeavour to provide information whenever possible. However, in this instance an exemption under section 38 (1) (b) (personal information) of FOISA applies to some of the information requested. This exemption applies because the information you are seeking is in regard to the person to whom Michael McLoughlin was married which is personal data of a third party and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998.

In respect of the divorce, I can advise that whilst our papers indicate he was divorced they provide no further details as to when this took place. Against that background we would if you wished to claim Mr McLoughlin's estate in due course require evidence of the divorce along with the other documentation needed to claim an estate from the QLTR Office. Further details of our requirements can be found on the crown office website [www.copfs.gov.uk](http://www.copfs.gov.uk) by searching for 'unclaimed estates'.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you do have the right to ask us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to The Disclosure Section, Policy Division, Crown Office, 25 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LA or for requests sent by e-mail to [foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk)].

The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.



If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, there is a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of FOISA.

Should you subsequently wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision on such an appeal, there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.