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Our ref: GE/7/11

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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**ULTIMUS HAERES ESTATES - MARGARET NORA RITCHIE, THERESA O'BRIEN, CATHERINE LANGLEY, KATHLEEN MULLIGAN & ELIZABETH BOSWELL**

Thank you for your letter of 6 July in which you asked, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 for further information this office may have with regard to the above named individuals whose intestate estates are held by the QLTR Office and for providing information re the estate of Elizabeth Boswell.

Re Margaret Nora Ritchie, you ask for information with regards her origins, spouse, parents and family members. You also ask us to confirm if the date of birth is accurate and where she may have been born or previously lived. I can advise that we do not hold any of the additional information you ask for however I can advise that her date of birth as advertised was taken from an extract of her death certificate.

Re Theresa O'Brien, you ask for information with regards her origins, spouse, parents and family members and any previous addresses. I can advise the only additional information you ask for held by us is that she previously resided at 79 Lochlea Road, Pollockshaws.

Re Catherine Langley, you ask if we have any new information since we responded to your last request re this estate. You also advise that you are concerned about the date of birth provided in our advert as you say it does not match the one held by the Royal Edinburgh Hospital as they have 9 April 1926 and that her medical notes contain information that she has three children and previously resided in London with a husband. I can advise we have received no new information since we last corresponded with you re her estate, her date of birth, as per our advert, of 7 April 1926 was taken

from an abbreviated extract of her death and we hold no information from medical notes.

Re Kathleen Mulligan, you ask for information with regards her origins, spouse, parents and family members and any previous addresses. The only information you ask for that we hold is that her place of birth is Stockton on Tees, County Durham and the name of her parents however under section 25(1) of FOISA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if this information is already reasonably accessible to you and this information is available from her birth certificate and may also be on a full extract of her death certificate.

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, 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."