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Dear Mr Buckler,

Thank you for your email of September 2025 to Cabinet Office, regarding a historic legal case. Your email has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice and as a government official I have been asked to respond. I sincerely apologise for the delay in sending a reply, which was due to an administrative error in the transfer of your correspondence.

With regard to your comment that the Government may wish to revisit the legal case in which your family lost their home, I should explain that neither Government Ministers nor their officials are able to comment on, or intervene in, an individual case. This is not due to a lack of interest or concern, but to prevent any perceived or actual interference with the independence of the courts and any other agencies which may be involved in an individual case.

I note your concerns about the solicitors who handled the case, and it might be helpful if I explain that the legal profession in England and Wales, together with its regulators, operates independently of the Government. The responsibility for regulating the sector sits with the approved regulators, overseen by the Legal Services Board (LSB). The Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) regulates solicitors and law firms working across all legal disciplines and sets professional standards that solicitors must adhere to. As the approved regulators are independent of the Government, it would not be appropriate for Ministers or their officials to comment on, or intervene in, specific cases.

Detailed rules and safeguards governing the conduct of solicitors are published by the SRA which has the specialist knowledge, expertise, and enforcement powers enabling them to take appropriate action in cases of professional misconduct. If you believe that the solicitors have breached these rules or acted inappropriately, you can access details of how to report this to the SRA at: <https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor/> or by calling them on 0370 606 2555.

It is open to you, should you wish to do so, to seek independent legal advice from organisations such as Citizens Advice (CA) or Law Centres who can provide free, impartial advice on a range of issues. Details on how to find the nearest CA are available at: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/> or via telephone [03444 111 444](tel:03444111444). The Law Centres Network can be found at: <https://www.lawcentres.org.uk/>.

I realise that this reply will be a disappointment to you, however there is nothing further that I can add.

Yours sincerely,

Ms S Hollis
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