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Dear Mr Buckler

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 260607013

Thank you for your request, received on 7 June 2026, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

“... Please advise on the current location and access options for records of proceedings involving [...] information noted but removed... (1915 eviction attempt, 1955/1962 possession orders). Focus on title/equitable interest evidence...”

Your request is being handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ does not hold the requested information. This is because there is no legal or business requirement for MoJ to do so. If information is held by a court, for the purpose of court proceedings only, it is not held MoJ as a public authority and, as such, is not held for FOIA purposes.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

To advise and assist you on a discretionary basis, outside the FOIA, I can inform you that court proceedings relating to evictions and possession orders are dealt with in the County Court. However, it's unlikely that the County Court will hold information from 1915, 1955 and 1962. This is because the County Court's records are held for no longer than necessary, in accordance with the Record Retention and Disposition Schedule that's available from the following link:
<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/682216a253add7d476d81917/county-court-family-court-court-protection-rrds.pdf>

Under the Public Records Act, older County Court records that are selected for permanent preservation (after 20 or 30 years) are transferred to an approved archive. You may wish to contact The National Archive (TNA) or local archives, such as Glamorgan Archives, to see if they can help. You can obtain information about them from:

- <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
- <http://www.glamarchives.gov.uk/>

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely,

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