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Dear Mr Horsley

## INQUEST CONCERNING THE DEATH OF GLADYS RICHARDS MY CLIENT: DR JANE BARTON

I write with reference to your attempts to fix a date for this Inquest, and am conscious that Mrs MacKenzie has indicated a desire for the Inquest to take place after Easter.

As you know, I have previously advised you that Mr Alan Jenkins, who has represented Dr Barton now over a period of many years in relation to this issue, is free from 9<sup>th</sup> May through to 8<sup>th</sup> June. Thereafter, Mr Jenkins has significant commitments, and as I think you know, neither Mr Jenkins nor I are available from Easter through to 8<sup>th</sup> May to assist Dr Barton at an Inquest. It will though not be possible to retain that availability very much longer.

In those circumstances, I would be most grateful if it might be possible to list this matter for a hearing within that period –  $9^{th}$  May to  $8^{th}$  June as soon as possible.

It would be most helpful in any event if you might be able to let me know what the present position is in relation to listing, and I very much look forward to hearing from you.

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