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Our reference: BVFOI/153/14 re Bernard Lord Santerre Doherty

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Treasury Solicitor's Department ("the Department"):

The above estate does not appear on your current available for claim list, and there appears to be no subsequent grant from the one issued by the Treasury Solicitor?

Can you confirm the estate remains available and is solvent or otherwise, and why it is not on the current list?

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division ("the Division") under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds all the information that you have requested.

The Division publishes a list of unclaimed estates which have been recently referred, but not yet administered, and historic cases which have not yet been claimed by entitled relatives. You can find the list here; <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list#the-list>

The Treasury Solicitor will only advertise estates that appear to be solvent. Any estates where the Bona Vacantia division (BVD) no longer has an interest, for example, when a claim to an estate has been admitted, will be removed daily.

The information you have requested is on the current unclaimed estates list. Since this information is reasonably accessible to you by other means it is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.