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Our reference: BVFOI/253/16 re Mary Magdalene Ryan

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Government Legal Department (“the Department”):

Clarification regarding the deceased's date of birth.

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 holds information relating to the date and place of the birth of the deceased. This information can be found on the death certificate of the deceased which you already hold. The information on the certificate is reasonably accessible to you by other means and 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.

The Division holds information that the deceased’s date of birth of 19 March 1928. This information was taken from a copy of the deceased’s passport, and army service pay book (Army No. W/336340) held by the Division. The list has now been updated to reflect this.

The Division also holds a letter from DWP which gives an alternative date of birth as 19 February 1901.