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Our reference: BVFOI/296/15 re John Eric Swift

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

I have 2 death dates (26/07/2010 & 20/06/2010) which one is the right one?

His birth date you have given is 23/04/1922, but I cannot find this record anywhere. Do you know where he was born?

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

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

The Division holds the death certificate of the deceased in the name of John Eric Swift. The event took place on 20 June 2010 in Lincoln, Lincolnshire. This information was incorrectly input onto our website which has now been updated to reflect this. The Bona Vacantia Division takes steps to ensure that the list remains as accurate as reasonably possible but, unfortunately, errors do occur.

The date and place of birth can be found on the death certificate. Certificates can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the website [www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate). The information 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 a copy of a birth certificate which shows the place of birth as Whitley, Tynemouth, Northumberland.

