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Our reference: BVFOI/214/15 re Anthony Regan

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Could you please confirm what information the division holds and also what evidence do you have that states the date of birth is in fact 29/04/1932. Is this in the form of a birth certificate?

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

I have interpreted your request to mean that you require any information that we hold about the deceased’s origins and/or extended family that will help you find entitled kin.

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

The Division does not hold a birth certificate for the deceased.

The Division holds information relating to the date and place of birth of the deceased. This information can be found on the death certificate of the deceased. 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 GRO’s website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>.

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 also holds information that the deceased may have been born in Dublin and had two sisters and a brother. The deceased may also have been born on 29/04/1933 and his surname may have originally been Jordan.

I have withheld certain information from the file regarding the deceased’s brother’s and sisters’ names as it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act. The information is exempt from disclosure because it constitutes the personal data of a living individual as defined in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 and disclosure of the information would be in breach of the data protection principles set out in Schedule 1 of that Act. In particular, disclosure of the information would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data be processed fairly and lawfully.

