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Our reference: BVFOI/229/14 re Rosa Smart

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

In your advertisement you state her date of birth is 26/06/1915, can you please inform me if you have got this information from a birth certificate or a death certificate?

If you are able to send me a copy of the information you have on file it would be much appreciated.

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

Requests under the Freedom of Information Act are requests for information and the Division is not obliged to release copies of documents in response to such requests.

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

The information published on the unclaimed estates list concerning the deceased's date of birth (26.6.1915) appears to be incorrect.

The only information held by the Division regarding the date and place of birth can be found on the deceased's death certificate.

Rosa Scott-Smart died on 5.6.2003 in Bradford. 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 unclaimed estates list has been updated to reflect this information.

The Division holds a copy of a birth certificate with a different name, date and place of birth from that shown on the death certificate and has no information to confirm that it relates to the deceased. As this information may relate to a living person, 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.

