



Our reference: BVFOI/318/15 re Marion Roberts

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request some information regarding Marion Roberts (BV21512648/1).

1. Please can you tell me in which town and/or state in Germany that Monica was born in?
2. Please can you tell me the approximate date and place of her first marriage and the name of her first husband?
3. Please can you give me any information you may have about her background, early life and family?

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 no information in respect of questions 1 & 2.

The only information held by the Division in relation to question 3 can be found on her 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 GRO's website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>.

This information has also been published on the unclaimed estate's list here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list>. Please note that, any information which the Division holds and which can be published under the Freedom of Information Act is published on the unclaimed estates list when the estate is advertised.

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.

I have withheld certain information from the file concerning the deceased's husband's date of death as it is exempt from disclosure under section 41 of the Act as the Division considers that the information was received in confidence, and that to reveal the information would constitute an actionable breach of the duty of confidence.

In considering whether disclosure would be an actionable breach of confidence the Division has considered whether there is a public interest in disclosing the information that would outweigh the public interest in keeping the information confidential.

There is a strong public interest in keeping confidential information that has been disclosed in confidence, and in this case there is no specific reason in favour of disclosure of the information. Disclosure would not protect public safety, nor would it expose wrongdoing such as misfeasance, maladministration, negligence or other iniquity on the part of the Division. In this case the Division considers that the public interest in keeping the information confidential outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.