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Our reference: BVFOI/053/14 re Thomas Patrick Brazil

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Please confirm the source of information that you hold which states that the Deceased was born in Belfast.

Please confirm whether your office holds a divorce record of the Deceased which confirms he was married on 16 June 1945 or that he was married to Mary Mulhern.

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 records obtained from the Ministry of Defence which state that the Deceased was born in Belfast.

The Ministry of Defence is the custodian of the records of service of Service personnel and Home Guard records until they are opened to general public access at the National Archives. Subject to the payment of an administration fee of £30 per record and provision of a death certificate (except where death was in service), certain information can be provided from the records of service of Service personnel on request under the publication scheme. Information can be obtained from the Ministry of Defence by completing a 'Request for Service personnel details: general enquirer's form'. Further details are available on the Ministry of Defence's website: <https://www.gov.uk/requests-for-personal-data-and-service-records>. 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 does not hold a divorce record of the Deceased which confirms he was married on 16 June 1945 or that he was married to the spouse named on the marriage certificate provided.

