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Our reference: BVFOI/303/13 re William Charles Meehan

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request**

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

Any information which helps to clarify the deceased's date of birth.

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 death certificate suggests the deceased may have been born on 18 December 1931 in Drumquin, Castlederg in Northern Ireland. However, other information held on file suggests the deceased may in fact have been born as William Mannix Meehan on 5 August 1931 in Belfast and baptised at St Brigid's. The information also suggests the deceased's mother's name was Brigid Meehan.

The file suggests that the deceased previously lived in Bundoran, Co. Donegal, Portadown and Leicester before moving to Wolverhampton.

The file also suggests that the deceased lived in an orphanage until the age of 12 and moved to England in his late teens or early twenties.

The Division holds a birth certificate for the name William Charles Meehan born 18 January 1931 which the Division has not confirmed as being the deceased. The information on the certificate can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the Northern Ireland General Register Office. 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.

