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Our reference: BVFOI/252/14 re Audrey Berridge

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

You have asked whether the estate of Audrey Berridge has been referred to the Department or whether it has already been claimed.

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

The Division holds all the information that you have requested.

Potentially bona vacantia estates are advertised by the Division within 10 working days of them being referred to us.

Under the Act you are entitled to information held at the time that the request was made. As a result of the Division's advertisement policy it will therefore be clear from the Division's advertisements whether the Division was dealing with the estate at the time of your request within 10 working days of the request itself.

I am therefore withholding the information as to whether the estate has been referred to the Division as it is exempt from disclosure under section 22 of the Act, as the information is held by the Division with a view to its future publication. In considering whether the exemption applies I have considered whether it is reasonable in all the circumstances to withhold the information from disclosure until its publication.

In these circumstances, where the information you have requested will become evident from the website substantially sooner than the statutory time limit for responding to requests under the Act, I am satisfied that it is reasonable to withhold the information requested.

I can confirm that we have not admitted a claim to this estate.