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Our reference: BVFOI/134/14 re Joan Clayton

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Could you please tell me if BV982368/1 is still solvent. Joan CLAYTON died 21/03/1998. If the estate is solvent would it be possible to disclose the value of the estate or any further details you might hold on file.

I note that you requested any further details which the Division might hold on file. I have interpreted your request to mean that you require any information that we hold about the deceased's origins and/or extended family that will help you find entitled kin.

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 publishes a list of unclaimed estates which have been recently referred, but not yet administered, and historic cases which have not yet been claimed by entitled relatives. You can find the list here; <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list#the-list>

The Treasury Solicitor will only advertise estates that appear to be solvent. Any estates where the Bona Vacantia division (BVD) no longer has an interest, for example, when a claim to an estate has been admitted, will be removed daily.

The information held by the Division regarding the deceased's origins and/or extended family that will help you find entitled kin is also published on the unclaimed estates list.

Since this information is reasonably accessible to you by other means it 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 net value of this estate is shown on the Grants of Letters of Administration issued to the Treasury Solicitor. The Grant of Letters of Administration mentioned in this response can be obtained from the Principal Registry of the Family Division, First Avenue House, 42-49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP. The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act.

