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Our reference: BVFOI/101/14 re David E Budner

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

I would like to submit a claim for the next of kin of David E. Budner who died 23rd October 2013 at Romford and was born 20th October 1943. Your reference number is BV21402719/1.

Although he is on the current B.V. list of unclaimed estates could you please check if this estate is solvent. It would be of great assistance if I could know whether this estate is solvent or insolvent prior to continuing.

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

The Division holds all 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.

Since the 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.

