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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

An excel file of all unclaimed estates for the last 30 years.

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.

The unclaimed estates list can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list>.

The Division's records are only computerised from 1 January 1997 onwards and information regarding estates dealt with by the Division before this date is contained within paper archives and is difficult to retrieve.

Although the Division does hold details of cases dealt with by the Division before this date, it is not obliged to comply with your request as the information is exempt from disclosure under S.12 of the Act. This is because the cost of producing a list of cases dealt with by the Division prior to 1 January 1997 would entail a search of paper records and the Division estimates that this would be considerably more than the appropriate limit (set at £600 for central government) which represents the cost of one person spending 3.5 days considering your request.

