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Our reference: BVFOI/169/14 re Joseph Ryan

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Whether the birth certificate held by the Division has a date of birth of 9 September 1944 or is the same as the copy birth record held by you.

How the Division obtained the birth certificate it holds.

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 holds a copy of a birth certificate of Joseph Ryan with a different date of birth from that shown on the death certificate and has no information to confirm that it relates to the deceased. As this information may relate to a living person, it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act. The information is exempt from disclosure because it constitutes the personal data of a living individual as defined in section 1 (1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 and disclosure of information would be in breach of the data protection principles set out in schedule 1 of that Act. In particular, disclosure of the information would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data be processed fairly and lawfully.

The birth certificate of Joseph Ryan with a different date of birth from that shown on the death certificate was issued by the General Register Office.

The Division does not hold any further information in relation to your request.