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Our reference: BVFOI/345/15 re Leslie James Swann

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Government Legal Department ("the Department"):

"Would you please confirm what information the Treasury holds in relation to the birth of the deceased as I can find no corresponding birth entry"

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.

Information held on file suggests that the deceased may have been adopted and that his birth name may have been Cowen.

The Division holds information relating to the date of the birth of the deceased. This information can be found on the death certificate of the deceased. Certificates can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the GRO's website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>.

The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and 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.

