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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

According to the unclaimed estate list - Mary Dowling was born on 20 March 1913 in Ireland and died on 2 October 1991 in Eastbourne.

Having obtained the death certificate for this Mary Dowling - her date of birth on the certificate is 20 March 1914.

Place and date of death correspond with the Bona Vacantia List. It is simply the YEAR of birth which differs -- the birth DATE of 20 March corresponds.

Is there any way of checking whether the birth date given on the Bona Vacantia list is correct please?

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.

I have withheld the information relating to the date of the birth of the deceased as it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This information is reasonably accessible to you by other means (see unclaimed estates list at: <http://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list>). The list is updated each working day. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1) (b) of the Act.

The alternative date of birth was provided to the Division by the Benefits Agency. The unclaimed list has been updated to reflect this.

