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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Please could you indicate what information is held by the Division relating to the deceased's name, place and date of birth?

Does the division hold a birth certificate and can you therefore confirm the parents names, place of birth and date?

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 information relating to the name and date and place 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.

The Division does not hold the birth certificate of the deceased.

