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Our reference: BVFOI/228/16 re Roy Conn

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Presently all we have is the name of the informant on the death certificate and we would be grateful if you would confirm whether this individual was the informant.

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 in relation to the informant as 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 the 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. This information was also received in confidence, and that to reveal the information would constitute an actionable breach of that duty. Accordingly the information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act.