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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Value: when will we be able to determine the value of the estate as we are unsure if it is worthwhile us doing the work to obtain certificates etc?

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.

Estate values are only released to the successful kin claimant or their representative upon admittance of a fully documented claim to the estate.

The Division does not generally publish or disclose the values of estates or the details of the assets making up an estate. The Division considers that publication of these details would, or would be likely to, help the commission of fraud and therefore prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. The reasons for the Division’s approach have been fully considered by the Information Commissioner. A copy of the decision notice, FS50532521, can be viewed on the website of the Information Commissioner’s Office <https://ico.org.uk/>