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Our reference: BVFOI/433/15 re Thomas William Willis

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

“Could you please confirm the recorded name, date and place of birth on his birth certificate, as the birth indexes do not record a birth record for this name at this time.”

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.

The Division holds information relating to the date and place of the birth of the deceased. This information can be found on the birth certificate of the deceased. The Division can confirm that we hold a birth certificate of the deceased and the name the certificate is registered under is Thomas William Willis, the birth was registered in March Quarter 1927 in Hackney.

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.