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Our reference: BVFOI/026/16 re Sylvia Cohen

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

We need to know whether a kin claim has already been submitted.

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division (“the Division”) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have interpreted your request to mean is the Division considering or have we admitted a kin claim to the estate.

The Division holds all the information that you have requested.

Although the Division does hold the information requested, this information can be found on the Unclaimed Estates List on the Bona Vacantia website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list#the-list> which includes only solvent and claimable estates and is updated daily. 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 is not currently considering a kin claim.