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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 let me have the contact information on:

BV21614495/1 - David James Hood - died 12/02/2016

BV21412560/1 – Victor Huxtable – died 06/05/2013

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 that you require details of the administrator in each of the cases above.

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

The Division does not hold the information you have requested relating to the estate of David James Hood.

I am withholding the information you have requested relating to the administrator in the estate of Victor Huxtable as the Division considers it was received in confidence, and that to reveal the information would constitute an actionable breach of the duty of confidence. Accordingly the information is exempt from disclosure under section 41(1) of the Act.

In considering whether disclosure would be an actionable breach of confidence the Division has considered whether there is a public interest in disclosing the information that would outweigh the public interest in keeping the information confidential.

There is a strong public interest in keeping confidential information that has been disclosed in confidence, and in this case there is no specific reason in favour of disclosure of the information. Disclosure would not protect public safety, nor would it expose wrongdoing such as misfeasance, maladministration, negligence or other iniquity on the part of the Division. In this case the Division considers that the public interest in keeping the information confidential outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.