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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Treasury Solicitor's Department ("the Department"):

Whether kin claims have been received on the following estates and if so the degree of the relationship of the claimant and the contact details of the person dealing with the estate:

Marjorie Sheila Jaffe who died 22nd December 2005
James Brendan Mullally (aka James Raymond Mullally) who died 22nd June 2010
Emma May Leach (nee McGowan) who died 27th December 2006
Peter Whitehead who died 30th December 2007
Andrew Christopher Fitzpatrick who died 28th May 2009
Thomas Francis Beasley (aka Francis Beasley) who died 7th April 2001
Kathleen Marian Coomer who died 4th February 2006
Pamela Jones (AKA Georgina Jones) who died 15th February 2009
David Stephen Parry who died 30th January 2006
Malcolm James Green who died 10th November 1991
John Walter Craggs (aka John Walter Vallins-Craggs) who died 17th November 2000

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.

You have asked whether claims have been admitted to the estates listed in your request. Any estates where the Bona Vacantia Division no longer has an interest, for example, when a claim to an estate has been admitted, are removed from the list.

Claims have not been admitted to the estates of Marjorie Shiela Jaffe, Emma May Leach, Malcolm James Green or John Walter Craggs.

Claims have been admitted to the estates listed below. I have withheld information regarding the degree of the relationship of the claimant and the contact details of the person dealing with the following estates as it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act:

James Brendan Mullally (aka James Raymond Mullally)
Peter Whitehead
Thomas Francis Beasley (aka Francis Beasley)
Andrew Christopher Fitzpatrick
Kathleen Marian Coomer
Pamela Jones (aka Georgina Jones)
David Stephen Parry

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.

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I have also withheld this information as the Division considers that the information you have requested 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.

The following estates were removed from the unclaimed list in error and have now been reinstated:

Marjorie Sheila Jaffe
Emma May Leach