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Dear Sir

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Public Finance Statistics

Thank you for your enquiry dated 08 April 2009. I am treating your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. You asked for information covering income tax revenue, budget surplus, interest earned on any surplus, reductions in national debt, and a breakdown of government expenditure (along unspecified lines) from 1997/98 to present.
3. This information has already been published. The Treasury always publishes this information following the Pre Budget Report. The FOI Act does not oblige public authorities to re-issue information that is reasonably accessible (section 21). To help you locate it, the majority of the information on revenues and the fiscal position can be found in the "Public Finances Databank" on the following page:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/psf_statistics.htm

4. Earlier data (going back to 1997/98) on income tax revenues and interest earned is contained in the pre-budget-report archives:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/prebud_pbr08_index.htm

5. Finally, a detailed breakdown of government expenditure can be found at:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/pbr08_functionaltables.xls

6. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Paul Morran
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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 2/S2, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ. Email FOI.responses@hm-treasury.gov.uk

Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.