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Ref: 9/379

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Dear Mr McMillan,

## Freedom of Information Act 2000: IMF report

Thank you for your request dated 22 May. You asked, under the Freedom of Information Act, for:

- *Details of any communications (ie emails, faxes, letters) between HM Treasury and the IMF for the period including 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 specifically with regards to the IMF report forecasting the cost of UK bank bailouts.*

I can confirm that the Treasury holds information within the scope of your request. We consider that this information engages the qualified exemption in section 27(1)(b) which relates to information where disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice relations between the United Kingdom and any international organisations or international court. In this instance section 27 relates to relations with the IMF.

The FOI Act requires us to respond to requests promptly and, wherever possible, to give a full response within 20 working days of receiving a request. Where a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, and a full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case. In this case we expect to be in a position to respond by 12 June.

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.

**Information Rights Unit  
For HM Treasury**

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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.