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Dear Mr. McMillan,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST: IMF REPORT

Thank you for your follow-up enquiry dated 13th June 2009 asking for further information, which we received on 15th June 2009. It has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (Fol) Act 2000 (the 'Act').

In relation to your previous request (our ref: 9/379), you asked for:

... HM Treasury's 'side' of the conversation for the relevant period ...

Thank you for providing a narrowed request. The information you now seek is a subset of that which you sought before¹. In our previous reply, we indicated that other legislation (International Organisations Act 1968 and International Monetary Fund (immunities and Privileges) Order 1977) statutorily prevented us from releasing the information that you sought and so section 44(1)(a) of the Fol Act applies and renders the information exempt.

Your narrowed request is also still subject to the same exemption on the same basis, as the legislation applies both to correspondence to and from the IMF. I suspect that you will find this disappointing but I do hope that this at least explains why we are unable to release the information that you seek.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us at the email account given in the header to this letter. It would help us, if you could remember to quote the IRU reference number (also in the header) in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Unit
On behalf of HM Treasury

¹ The Fol Act establishes a legal process, and so, formally, we have to point out that as this request has already been made recently, albeit with a wider scope, it does formally engage the absolute exemption provided for under section 14(2) 1 of the Act.



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 of 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.