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Dear Mr Kloot

Freedom of Information Act 2000: HMRC correspondence

Thank you for your enquiry dated 27 April requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. You asked for –

the appropriate documentation for the Inland Revenue computer system that states letters cannot be backdated by more than 7 days from the current date.

3. Inland Revenue was merged with Customs and Excise some years ago to form Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). I see in fact that you made a previous enquiry in the same vein, which we told you we had to transfer to HMRC. HMRC subsequently told you on 29 April that they needed more information in order to address your request and provided a telephone number to facilitate the matter. I understand they have not heard from you further.

4. In the meantime, you have not withdrawn your request to us. So to comply with the requirements of the Act I need to confirm, following a reasonable search of our records, that we do not believe we hold such information. Like HMRC, we could do more targeted searches if you told us more about the sort of circumstances you have in mind. However, we consider it unlikely that the Treasury would ever hold HMRC information at the level of computer manuals, which seems to be what you require.

5. 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.

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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.