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Dear Dr Adamou

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information under the above Act, received on 5 June 2009. You requested the following information:

- the annual cost to HMRC of Income Tax refunded under the Gift Aid scheme for each year from 6 April 2000.
- the annual cost to HMRC of Corporation Tax relief given under the equivalent scheme for charitable donations made by UK companies for the same years.

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested in respect of Income Tax is available on the Department's website (www.hmrc.gov.uk) – the following link will take you to the right area <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/stats/charities/menu.htm>

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that HMRC does not hold the information you requested in respect of company donations. I am, however, aware that work is currently underway to compute and publish figures for years 2003/04 onwards; we are not sure when those computations will be available and no publication date has yet been set.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not happy with this reply you may request a review by writing to HMRC FOI Team, Room 4/52, 100 Parliament Street London SW1A 2BQ. You must request a review 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.

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To help us improve customer service, please quote our reference number and provide a daytime telephone number in any correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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