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Dear Mr McLaughlin,

Your e-mail of 15th June 2009 requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“With reference to the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding on Royal Taxation that the Chancellor announced to the House of Commons on 22nd April 2009, please disclose how this proposal came to be initiated in HMRC.”

The information you request is exempt from disclosure under section 44(1)(a) of the FOIA, which exempts information if its disclosure is prohibited by any enactment. In this instance, the relevant enactment is the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act (CRCA) 2005. The effect of section 23 of CRCA is that information we hold in connection with one of our functions, and which identifies a person or enables their identity to be deduced, is exempt from disclosure under FOI. Section 44 is an absolute exemption under the FOIA.

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Yours sincerely

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