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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000:
BUDGET NOTE 66

Thank you for your enquiry dated 3rd July 2009 for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. You asked:

1) Which senior civil servant in HMT recommended that this measure should be considered for Finance Bill 2008?

2) Which senior civil servant in HMT approved that the measure would be included in Finance Bill 2008?

3. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides individuals with a right to request recorded information held by a public authority. To bring your enquiry clearly within the scope of the Act, we have interpreted it as a request for recorded information that answers the above points.

4. I can indicate that HM Treasury does not hold recorded information matching your request for the reasons that follow.

- Budget and Finance Bill preparations involve discussion between a number of key participants including Ministerial offices and policy teams. In addition, HM Treasury works closely with HM Revenue and Customs to deliver the Budget and Finance Bill.
- Ministers make the decisions about policy measures (not officials). Whilst a number of options may be prepared in advance of Budget, the statement provided in the House by the Chancellor provides the final formalisation of policy. The Finance Bill then legislates on the basis of the measures that were announced in the Budget.



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5. 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

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 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.

