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Dear Ms Evans,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to confirm that HMRC has now completed its search for the information you requested on 20 February 2010. I apologise for the delay in responding. You asked:

I would like to request the source code for the HMRC computable general equilibrium (CGE) model

The information you requested is being withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The exemption that applies to this information is section 41 (1) of the Act, Information provided in confidence.

You requested the source code for the HMRC Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model. This has been provided to HMRC by an external consultancy and its disclosure would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that company. The section 41 exemption is an absolute one, which means that I am not required to consider the balance of the public interest in this matter.

You may find it helpful to know that HMRC has published some outline information about the HMRC CGE model. This can be found at the following link:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/research/gillham-and-blake.pdf>

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

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If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner will not usually consider a case unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by HMRC. He can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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