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Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000: Home Information Packs

Thank you for your enquiry dated 12th March 2010 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. You asked for information covering -

- How much VAT revenue has your department gained from the ill thought out scheme that is the "Home Information Pack" since its introduction please?

3. I can confirm that the Treasury does not hold information relevant to your request. This is because HM Revenue and Customs does not collect data on VAT receipts from individual goods and services.

4. We can confirm that the standard rate of VAT would apply to commercial supplies of Home Information Packs.

5. We can also tell you how HMT expects VAT receipts generally to be affected by changes in consumer spending. When consumer spending goes up in one area, there is likely to be reduced spending elsewhere in the economy, leaving the overall level of VAT revenues broadly unchanged. Budget forecasts for VAT receipts are based on overall consumer spending. Implicitly this assumes that greater spending on one product is offset by lower spending on other goods and services.

6. 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.

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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.

Email FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gsi.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.

