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Dear Mr Warren

Freedom of Information request: Lloyds TSB & HBOS

Thank you for your enquiry dated 22 September requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. You asked for:

- *all email correspondence between HM Treasury and the Chairman, Chief Executive and any other Directors of HBOS prior to and up to the date of the public announcement that it was the subject of a takeover from Lloyds TSB.*
- *all email correspondence between HM Treasury and the Chairman, Chief Executive and other Directors of Lloyds TSB prior to the and up to the date of the public announcement that it wished to take over HBOS.*

3. We have searched records from the beginning of 2008 up to the public announcement of the merger on 18 September for email correspondence between HM Treasury and the Chairmen, Chief Executives any other Directors of Lloyds TSB and HBOS concerning a potential merger of the two. On that basis, I confirm that we do not hold the information request. If you were looking for information outside of the scope of our search please write back with further details.

4. 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.

**Paul Morran, Information Rights Unit
On behalf of HM Treasury**



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