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Dear Mr Tyes,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 5 March 2009 in which you made a request for information. Your request is being considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You asked:

### **Request**

It is my understanding that from April 2010 none of the money collected from fathers by CMECH will be used to offset benefits paid to mothers, but 100% will be transferred direct to mothers. Since the existing running costs are already £240 million MORE than collected for the Treasury, what is the budgeted running costs and hence cost to the public purse for CSA/CMECH and the appeals service for the first financial year after this change?

Your request was received on 5 March 2009. You can expect a reply therefore by 2 April 2009, unless I need to contact you to clarify your request, or the balance of the public interest test needs to be considered. If you have any queries about this matter please feel free to contact the Freedom of Information Act Focal Point by letter or e-mail using the contact details above.

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