

Simon Ferrigno  
Via: [request-548010-740ab969@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-548010-740ab969@whatdotheyknow.com)

Our ref:FOI2019/01066

22 February 2019

Dear Simon Ferrigno,

We refer to your request dated 28 January 2019, where you asked for:

As we move ever closer to leaving the European Union and there are, according to various Ministerial speeches, only three options Left (May's deal, no deal or no Brexit), I would like to request any existing or updated studies or forecasts on the impacts on jobs (gains/losses) and profits (increase or decrease) for the food sectors and automotive sectors covering the East Midlands (Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire) and Nationally of these three options. I am seeking information on food sector impacts that relate to primary production, processing, logistics and retail specifically as well as generally, and for automotive on general studies as well as cross-border movements of components and impacts (e.g., potential tariffs).

If impact studies have not been done I would like to know why and on what grounds major decisions impacting livelihoods are being made without good research and who authorised any studies or absence of studies.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). The Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU) does not hold information in scope of your request.

Please note the FOI Act provides access to recorded information held by DExEU, we do not consider the last question to be valid under the Act. However, under section 16 of the Act, a public authority is obliged to provide advice and assistance to those who request information so far as it would be reasonable to do so. In accordance with that duty, DExEU wishes to bring your attention to the information below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/760484/28\\_November\\_EU\\_Exit\\_-\\_Long-term\\_economic\\_analysis\\_\\_1\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/760484/28_November_EU_Exit_-_Long-term_economic_analysis__1_.pdf)

On 28 November 2018, the Government published economic analysis of how exiting the EU may affect the economy of the UK in the long run. It takes a baseline of today's arrangements with the EU, and analyses some of the long-run changes that could take place as the UK exits the EU under four analytical scenarios: the UK position set out in the July 2018 White Paper; a hypothetical FTA, an EEA-type relationship and a no deal scenario.

The analysis illustrates the potential economic changes to the trading relationship between the UK and the EU and associated costs for five broad sector groups

across the economy, which together cover the majority of the UK economy and all traded goods and services; Manufactured Goods, Agri-food, Services (Non-Financial and Non-Networks), Financial Services, and Networks. It also considers the long-run economic effect of leaving the EU on a region and nation basis, including for the East Midlands.

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

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to [foiappeals@dex.eu.gov.uk](mailto:foiappeals@dex.eu.gov.uk) or:

Freedom of Information Team (internal review)  
Department for Exiting the European Union  
9 Downing Street  
SW1A 2AG

You should note that DExEU will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by DExEU. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours faithfully

**Freedom of Information Team, DExEU.**