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Dear Mr D Allan

Ref: FOI2020/19937

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 4 June 2020 which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

“Why is this government allowing banks to control our money supply when it is the business of government to control the cash for the country? Banks have never had the right to control money?”

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To be helpful, we are providing a link to a page on the Bank of England website which you may find useful in answering part of your enquiry;

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/knowledgebank/how-is-money-created>.

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<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>

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Yours sincerely

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