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Dear Mr Singh

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 28 December 2020, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

*"Thank you for providing the letter sent by RPC to Her Majesty's Treasury via FOI2020/44737*

*I believe Her Majesty's Treasury has provided a substantiate response to the letter they received by RPC.*

*Please could a copy of this letter sent to RPC be made available under this new FOI request"*

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Yours sincerely

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