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Dear Ms Shaikh

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 8 March 2021, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"According to oral evidence given by Post Office's CE to the DTI Select Committee in December 1998, a review was at the time being undertaken by the Treasury into its Horizon project:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm199899/cmselect/cmtrdind/113/113e11.htm> (para 109)

According to a Memorandum submitted by ICL to support its oral evidence to the 1999 DTI Select Committee Inquiry into Horizon, a senior Treasury official, Steve Robson, was appointed in late January 1999 with the PM's authority to assess the project:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm199899/cmselect/cmtrdind/530/9061409.htm> (Para 16)

I would be most grateful if you would release the reports of each of the above reviews."

Following a search of our records, we can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request.

Given the age of the material you are requesting, the UK Government Website Archive may hold information relevant to your request. Since the Horizon Working Group you mention was an intergovernmental group, you may wish to search with reference to the different departments involved in that work. You can carry out your own searches at the link below:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/webarchive/>

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Yours sincerely

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