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Dear Kenneth MacArthur,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 5 June 2023, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

“Separately for each of (a) the help to buy ISA, and (b) the lifetime ISA, and separately for each personal tax year in the period beginning with the personal tax year in which the ISA type in question was introduced and ending with personal tax year 2022/2023, please can you provide the total withdrawal charge amounts (i) due (as reported to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) by ISA managers), (ii) collected from ISA managers by HMRC, and (iii) collected from ISA investors by HMRC.”

Following a search of our records, we can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request. You may wish to contact HM Revenue and Customs who may hold the information within the scope of your request. You can find their contact information on GOV.UK at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs>.

To clarify, there is no withdrawal charge in Help to Buy: ISA. The government produces quarterly statistics on the bonuses paid on the Help to Buy: ISA if that may be useful to you. You can find this information at: [Help to Buy: ISA Scheme Quarterly Statistics: December 2015 to 31 December 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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Yours sincerely

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