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Dear Mr Elliot-Woods

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Currency

Thank you for your enquiry of 19 September 2019, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"It has come to my knowledge that In or around 1933 it was decided to remove all substance backed money out of circulation from the public venue this made it impossible for anyone to pay their debts! What legislation did the government pass to remedy this inability? Allowing debts to be settled set off or discharged?"

Section 1(3) of the FOI Act allows us to seek clarification where the scope of a request is unclear.

We have been unable to locate information using the terms of your request. If you are able to specify the legislation which you are referring to at the start of your request, it may be that we could carry out more targeted searches. You state that you believe there was legislation passed in or around 1933.

To be helpful, I can direct you to where you can search for all UK legislation by year.

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/

If you are able to identify the relevant UK legislation you are referring to, then that might enable us to look for any remedial legislation passed.

If you can provide this clarification, we can then consider your request afresh.

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

Yours sincerely

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