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Dear Mr Deans

Ref: FOI2018/13787

## Freedom of Information Act 2000: Scottish Independence Referendum

Thank you for your enquiry of 7 August 2018, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

*I would like any contingency plans or other similar documents held by the Treasury which were made in contemplation of a 'Yes' vote in the Scottish Independence Referendum.*

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

Both the UK Government and the Scottish Government agreed that there would be no 'pre-negotiations' on what the terms of independence would be before the referendum took place. There were no contingency plans or similar documents produced by the UK Government.

The UK Government was always very clear about the reasons for this. It acts in the interests of all the people of the UK, including people in Scotland. Unless people in Scotland had decided that they no longer wanted to be part of the United Kingdom, the UK Government would not take any action that required it to exclude Scotland and act only in the interests of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Unit

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