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17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Mr Taylor,

## Freedom of Information request: FOI|62|17

I am writing in response to the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office dated 15 April 2017, the detail of which is copied below. I have now had time to consider your request and I have written the response in red next to the questions. Further explanation is given below.

1) *Did the Attorney General terminate the investigation #9559, or was that the decision of the current head of the SFO? Does the Attorney General still believe that was the correct action?* **This is not a request for recorded information.**

2) *With the FCA having fined Deutsche Bank \$630 million for destroying materials to cover up money laundering liabilities does the Attorney General know if such materials included Over-the-Counter bullion receipts?* **We do not hold this information – you may wish to contact Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) as they may hold the information. Information about how to contact the FCA can be found at their website <https://www.fca.org.uk/contact>.**

3) *Did the Attorney General's office receive an application from HSBC to serve a restraining order against the claimant for B40BM021 to prevent the claimant suing HSBC and Deutsche Bank and others for silver price manipulation?* **We do not hold this information**

4) *Does the Attorney General's office have a copy of the restraining order for (3) in which the applicant is HSBC, the application date is 23 December 2014, yet the order is competed by Judge Simon Brown QC in July 2015 in which the judge claimed it arose out of his own volition.* **We do not hold this information**

5) *If the answer to (4) is yes, then does the Attorney General recognise that Simon Brown's statement in that form contradicts the fact that the application was submitted by HSBC before lawsuit B40BM021 has been assigned to the Birmingham Mercantile Courts.* **Not Applicable**

6) *If the answer to (4) is yes, then does the Attorney General recognise that the restraining order helped HSBC evade legal redress for silver price manipulation, for which it has been incriminated by Deutsche Bank as cartel manipulations: London Silver Fixing Ltd. Antitrust Litigation, 1:14-md-02573 U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (Manhattan).* **Not Applicable**

7) *Does the Attorney General know why Judge Simon Brown QC retired ten years early, a retirement announced within a week that LCJ Baron Thomas was notified that Deutsche Bank had confessed to gold rigging, when Simon Brown QC had dismissed such allegations as 'totally without merit' and 'vexatious' in the July 2015 hearing for B40BM021.* **We do not hold this information.**

8) *In the July 2015 oral hearing B40BM021 under Simon Brown QC, Anshu Jain and Emma Slatter, Co-CEO of Deutsche Bank and General Counsel of Deutsche Bank respectively, refused to turn up for court, even though they were the applicants. Given that Deutsche Bank has now incriminated itself for all the matters alleged in B40BM021, does the Attorney General intend to prosecute either Jain or Slatter for fraud or perjury?* **This is not a request for recorded information. However, fraud and perjury are criminal offences and any such offences would most likely be prosecuted by the Crown Prosecution Service.**

9) *If (4) is true, which individual at HSBC submitted the application in HSBC's name to the office of the Attorney General?* **Not Applicable**

10) *Does the Attorney General believe in the integrity of the judiciary given Lord Charles Haddon-Cave and Lord Ian Burnett of the Court of Appeal, have both signed court orders dismissing allegations of gold and silver rigging against Deutsche Bank as 'totally without merit.' for appeal applications to B40BM021.* **This is not a request for recorded information**

The Freedom of Information Act (2000) gives individuals and organisations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Attorney General's Office (AGO).

Some of the questions you have asked are not valid requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). It may be helpful if I explain that the Freedom of Information Act gives individuals and organisations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Attorney General's Office (AGO). In order for a request for information to be handled as a FOIA request, it must be for recorded information and not a question for opinion, speculation or something that is not written down or recorded.

'Do Not Hold' means the Attorney General's Office does not hold the information you have requested under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act. I have also provided the web address to the ICO below, you can furnish yourself further with information in regards to the FOI Act.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/what-is-the-foi-act/>

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the above address.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Hollands", is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

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