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Dear Mr Sea

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Disguised Remuneration scheme promoters

Thank you for your enquiry of 23 June 2018, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

- 1) How many DR scheme promoters have been reported to the Advertising Standards Authority for making misleading claims about their products and services or providing misleading advice.
- 2) What other professional bodies have DR scheme promoters been reported to; and how many DR scheme promoters have been reported to each individual body.
- 3) How many DR scheme promoters have been prosecuted, leading to convictions and/or jail terms; please specify numbers for each individually.

In your request, you make reference to the Financial Secretary's recent response to a parliamentary question published at the link below:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-12/152724/>

To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps HMRC has taken in respect of (a) disguised remuneration schemes and (b) the promoters of such schemes.

Please note that the answer to the parliamentary question you refer to was drafted by HM Revenue and Customs.

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

HM Treasury has no direct involvement in tax compliance activity, which is a matter for HM Revenue and Customs. You may wish to contact them directly with questions on this topic. Contact details for HM Revenue and Customs can be found on their website:

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

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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