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Dear Ms Sutherland,

We refer to your request, where you asked:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the £39billion "divorce bill" for exiting the European Union.
Please list any cost of over £1billion.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

DExEU holds some information which is relevant to your request for information. The information is reasonably accessible to you by means other than a request for information under the Act. It is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21(1) of the Act.

Information relevant to your request is contained in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's letter to the Chair of the Treasury Select Committee on 24 January 2018:

http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2018-0070/letter_to_TSC_Chair-UK_EU_financial_settlement.pdf

Under section 16 of the Act, a public authority is obliged to provide advice and assistance to those who request information so far as it would be reasonable to do so. In accordance with that duty, DExEU wishes to bring your attention to the information below, which you may find useful in connection with your request:

- Joint Report from the negotiators of the European Union and United Kingdom Government, December 2017 (see paragraphs 57-86):
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/joint_report.pdf
- Office for Budget Responsibility, Economic and Fiscal Outlook, October 2018 (see pages 158-159): https://cdn.obr.uk/EFO_October-2018.pdf

You may also wish to contact the FOI Team at Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT) at foirequests@hmtreasury.gov.uk as HMT is the Government department with responsibility for public spending and the costs associated with the UK's exit from the EU.

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

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to foi@dexeu.gov.uk or:

Freedom of Information Team (internal review)
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You should note that DExEU will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by DExEU. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team, DExEU.