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Dear J Downs

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 23 January 2020. You requested:

“According to accounts for the collapsed academy trust SchoolsCompany (year ending 31 August 2018), the Thinking Schools Academy Trust (TSAT) agreed to repay £2.6m of SCT’s £5.7m debt when Goodwin Academy, Kent, was transferred to TSAT.

But TSAT’s most recent accounts (year ending 31 August 2019) say ‘ESFA Recoverable Funding Debt taken on when Goodwin Academy (GWA) joined the Trust’ is £1m not £2.6m.

I should be grateful if you could let me know how much of SCT’s outstanding debt was transferred to TSAT as there is a discrepancy between the two accounts. I should also be grateful if you would let me know how much, if any, of SCT’s outstanding debt will be written off.”

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am afraid the substantive response will be delayed but I expect to be able to provide this by 5 March 2020. I am sorry we have not been able to meet our high standards for a timely response in this case.

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

Yours sincerely

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