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Dear Ms Chapman,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: UNITED KINGDOM CORPORATION

Thank you for your enquiry dated 26th January 2009 asking for information under the Freedom of Information (FoI) Act 2000.

You asked a number of questions, which I have listed below.

- 1) *Is the UNITED KINGDOM CORPORATION (listed on Dunn & Bradstreet) actively trading?*
- 2) *If so, what is the purpose of its existence?*
- 3) *If so, who are the shareowners?*
- 4) *If so, who are the shareholders?*
- 5) *If so, how much does it owe (if anything) to international organisations such as the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Bank of International Settlements, etc?*
- 6) *If so, is the UNITED KINGDOM CORPORATION in any stage of bankruptcy?*

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides individuals with a right to request recorded information held by a public authority. To bring your enquiry clearly within the scope of the FoI Act, we are interpreting it as seeking recorded information that answers the above points. You might find the Information Commissioner's guidance to requestors helpful for future reference and I attach a link for your convenience.

http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/freedom_of_information/practical_application/its_public_information_foi%20charter_final.pdf

Under the Act, the Treasury can only answer in regard to a request for *recorded information* held by the Treasury itself not other Public Authorities, which under the Act are considered discrete entities and subject to the Act separately.



We note that companies called '*United Kingdom Corporation Ltd*' and '*UK Corporation Ltd*' are registered at Companies House. Having searched our records I can confirm that we do not hold the information you have requested about the *UNITED KINGDOM CORPORATION*. Given the questions to which you seek answers, I would advise that HM Treasury is not the appropriate Public Authority to answer these questions and I would suggest that you contact Companies House – an Executive Agency of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, which may be able to answer some of your questions.

Information can be accessed through their website and through their London Information Centre. I include some web links that may be of help to this end.

<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/index.shtml>

<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/contact/londonInfo.shtml>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us at the email account given in the header to this letter. It would help us, if you could remember to quote the IRU reference number (also in the header) in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Unit
On behalf of HM Treasury

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write within two months of the date of this letter to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 2/SW, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

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If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.