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Dear Ms McNally,

## Freedom of Information Act 2000: Public Spending

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 10 November 2017.

You asked for the following information:

*"I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for all transactions over £25,000 from April to September 2017. Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.*

*Your team may also be interested in the guidance on producing spending data:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-publishing-spend-over-25000>."*

I can confirm that HM Treasury does hold information within the scope of your request.

The information is being withheld at this stage under the exemption in section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act, because the information is intended for publication at a future date. Section 22 is a qualified exemption and we are required to consider the public interest in early disclosure against publishing the information in the future. Whilst we accept that there is a public interest in this data, public authorities, such as the Treasury, must have space to be able to determine their own publication timetables and deal with the necessary preparation, administration and context of publication. Whilst we agree that there is a strong public interest in the publication we believe that the public interest falls in favour of withholding at this stage.

We endeavour to publish spend data a month in arrears, however, although we make every effort to follow guidelines on publication of data, due to established and other administrative processes, at times delays may be experienced in the publication of spend over £25,000. In this case, HM Treasury has had a new Financial reporting system and the reports required to extract the transparency datasets have only become available recently. The reports for April to September 2017 will be made available in due course on the gov.uk website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/25000-spend>

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

## **Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 3/Red, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ or by emailing us at the address below. Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

Email: [foirequests@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk)

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by HM Treasury.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

