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Via: request-488843-ccd62e55@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear G Webber,

I refer to your request, where you asked:

"According to 'The Guardian': ""Three scenarios drawn up in Whitehall and obtained by 'The Sunday Times' – the worst referred to as 'armageddon' – lay out the consequences should Britain walk away from the negotiating table.""

Some alleged details of the middle of the three scenarios were reported, to which your spokesperson responded: ""These claims are completely false.""

If your position is that the leaked claims are false, I'm sure you will want to take this opportunity to prove it by releasing all three scenarios in an electronic format under the Freedom of Information Act."

Government policy regarding FOI requests in relation to alleged leaked information is to neither confirm nor deny if the Department holds any information. However, in this instance I can confirm the Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU) does not hold any information relevant to your request.

Your request asks for information on three scenarios in which 'no deal' might occur, including an 'armageddon' scenario. This is not how the Department structures its work and the scenarios referenced in the article mentioned in your request do not exist.

The Department supports the Secretary of State in our exit and future relationship negotiations with the EU. Furthermore, the Department plans for all possible outcomes from these negotiations. The very aim of our contingency planning is to ensure that disruption is minimised and the UK is prepared to succeed in all eventualities.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team, DExEU.