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Dear Mr Amis

Freedom of Information Act 2000: HS2 Barnett consequentials

Thank you for your enquiry of 6 September 2018, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"The Government is spending vast sums of money on HS2 which will only operate in England. Please provide:

- 1. The total amount expenditure on HS2 has already triggered in Barnett payments to each of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland*
- 2. The amounts of any future payments that have been calculated to each of those countries for the remainder of the HS2 project.*
- 3. Any contingencies for Barnett payments due to HS2 going over budget."*

Following a search of our records, I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request.

The Devolved Authorities received Barnett consequentials on Department for Transport (DfT) HS2 spending at Spending Review 2015. However, at Spending Reviews the Barnett formula is applied at the departmental level, not at the level of individual policies, as set out in the Statement of Funding Policy, available at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/479717/statement_of_funding_2015_print.pdf.

Annex A in the above document explains in detail how the Barnett formula operates. The Devolved Authorities will continue to receive Barnett consequentials on any future funding for DfT spending, including HS2, incurred at the next Spending Review.

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Yours sincerely



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