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Dear Mr Bennett

Freedom of Information Act 2000: EU Referendum

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 26th May 2016 which we received on 27 May.

You asked for the following information:

"The Government is keen to let the electorate have the fullest possible picture of the implications of Brexit. The Chancellor recently said that the Treasury had drawn up contingency plans for dealing with the immediate effect of BREXIT.

Please provide me with the details of the plan so that I and the rest of the electorate have the fullest possible picture."

I can confirm that HM Treasury does hold some information within the scope of your request. This information has already been published and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not oblige public authorities to re-issue information that is reasonably accessible (section 21). To help you locate it, we have included the links to this within our response.

On 23 May the Treasury published analysis of the impact on the nation's economy over the immediate period of two years following a vote to leave. This analysis is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hm-treasury-analysis-the-immediate-economic-impact-of-leaving-the-eu>.

This document noted that "HM Treasury is also contingency planning, working with the Bank of England and the Financial Conduct Authority under existing arrangements to ensure a fully coordinated response across the financial authorities." This work is ongoing.

You may also be aware the Governor of the Bank of England made a statement on 24 June following the EU referendum result:

<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/Pages/news/2016/056.aspx>

The Governor confirms that "The Treasury and the Bank of England have engaged in extensive contingency planning."

You may also find the following link useful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/statement-by-the-chancellor-following-the-eu-referendum>

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

Yours sincerely

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