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Dear Kacey Montagu,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – FOI 210221002

Thank you for your request received 21st February 2021 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ): “. . . **Letters Patent, either a previously issued one or rather the template for the text, for the appointment of Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in addition to those used to appoint the Chancellor of the Exchequer (and these used to appoint him as the Second Lord of the Treasury) and the Letters Patent used to appoint the Prime Minister as First Lord of the Treasury.**“

Your request has been handled under the FOIA. I can confirm that the MoJ does hold some of the requested information. However, I need to advise you that the held information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act as it is publicly available at The National Archives <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact-us/>. Outside the terms of the Act, and in an effort to assist you, I should explain that the First and Second Lords of the Treasury are no longer appointed by separate Letters Patent, but included on Patents appointing Treasury Commissioners.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response:

data.access@justice.gov.uk: Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Ceri King
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