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Dear Matt Smith

Ref: FOI2021/22531

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 26 September 2021, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"Can you please provide:

1. A daily breakdown of the number of emails sent/received by Suzy Kantor during the period from 2nd December 2019 to 16th December 2019 (both inclusive) which contain a) the keyword "Amyas", b) the keyword "Loan Charge" OR "LC", and C) both the keyword "Amyas" and "Loan Charge".

2. A list of DATE and SUBJECT of any emails to/from Suzy Kantor during the period from 2nd December 2019 to 16th December 2019 (both inclusive), which contain either the keyword "Amyas" or "Loan Charge".

To clarify:

*a) for emails sent by Mrs Kantor, the list should only include Subject and Date;
b) for emails received by Mrs Kantor, the list should contain Subject, Date and also the name of the SENDER (unless it needs to be redacted under FOIA).*

in both cases neither the full list of recipients, nor the body of the email are required. I hope this will greatly reduce the effort required to process this amended request."

Following a search of our records, we can confirm that HM Treasury does hold information within the scope of your request.

Searches were conducted by HMT officials of Suzy Kantor's sent and received emails, from 02/12/2019 to 16/12/2019 (both inclusive). Searches were conducted for items that included the terms:

- a. "Amyas"
- b. "Loan Charge"
- c. "LC"
- d. both "Amyas" and "Loan Charge"

The information that you have requested has been provided in the attached documents 1, 2 and 3 shows:

- Document 1 - daily totals of the results of the above searches.
- Documents 2 and 3 - a breakdown of the results of searches a and b (as noted above), detailing the email subject and date.

We have redacted some information under section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Section 40(2), by virtue of section 40(3A) provides an absolute exemption for third-party personal data, where disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation. The first data protection principle requires the disclosure of third-party personal data to be lawful, fair and transparent. We believe that releasing the information would breach the first data protection principle, since it would be unlawful and unfair to release the information.

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Yours sincerely

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