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Dear Matt Smith

Ref: FOI2022/00510

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 11 January 2022, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"In your response (your ref FOI2021 22531) you have provided me with a list of emails sent by Suzy Kantor which included the keywords I requested.

I would now like to request disclosure of some of those emails, together with the entire email thread they were part of (ie. not just the emails sent by Mrs Suzy Kantor) and their attachments.

The list below includes the email thread I would like to request. For reference, I have included the date when Mrs Kantor replied to those emails, but of course the date range should be extended to encompass the entire thread, which may have started before Mrs Kantor's email, and/or continued later.

DATE, SUBJECT

*13-12-2019, Outline approach, - Loan Charge Security
12-12-2019, URGENT: draft note to SAM re report tone
12-12-2019, Loan Charge Independent Review Report
11-12-2019, Lindsey's request
11-12-2019, LC review
11-12-2019, Early sequencing
11-12-2019, [for comment by 2pm Thurs] Loan Charge Review
10-12-2019, Loan Charge Question
10-12-2019, Loan Charge advice
10-12-2019, LC handling with CX
10-12-2019, Concession Option costings
09-12-2019, Table for Recommendations
09-12-2019, Sitrep
09-12-2019, No 10
09-12-2019, Loan Charge reading room
09-12-2019, Loan Charge advice
09-12-2019, Loan Charge - one year delay
04-12-2019, Loan charge - issues to resolve
03-12-2019, Loan Charge headline numbers tracker
02-12-2019, LCR - draft report*

Given the small amount of emails I am not anticipating this request to be too

burdensome. However, should that be the case, please provide as many items as you can, starting from the top of the list and working your way down until the limit is reached."

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

Our search has identified a large number of emails and documents within the threads that you have requested to consider. In order to comply with your request, we would need to review each email and document separately with a view to determining whether any information was exempt from release, for example, due to sensitivities or personal data, and to then redact any exempt material.

The effort required to review, assess, and extract that information would be considerable and would require a disproportionate level of staff effort. We therefore consider that the request engages section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act due to the disproportionate effort that would be required to comply with the request.

You have invited us to provide as "many items as you can, starting from the top of the list and working your way down until the limit is reached" should section 14 be engaged.

The FOI Act does not require authorities to address requests in this way. If the request as a whole engages section 14 then the authority is not required to proceed with it further.

It may be that if you were to amend your request, for example, by narrowing the focus and being more specific about the type of information that you are particularly interested in we may be able to comply with a future request. However, I cannot guarantee that this would be the case.

You may find it helpful to refer to the Information Commissioner's guidance to requesters which can be found online at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>.

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

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Unit

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