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Dear Matt Smith

Ref: FOI2022/02925

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 10 February 2022, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"Dear FOI Requests team,

Thanks for your reply dated 8 February (your ref FOI2022 00510).

I note you have stated "HM Treasury does NOT hold the information within the scope of your request", but I assume it's just a typo, as it directly contradicts the following, which states clearly that you have identified a large number of emails in the threads I have requested.

I also note you didn't include any useful information to substantiate your assessment that complying with my request would be too burdensome. For example, it would have been useful to receive the email count of each thread, so I could refocus my request.

However, I will try and reduce my request to just 14 email threads, as detailed below:

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

As per my previous request, I the list includes the date when Mrs Suzy 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.

If you still deem this request to be too burdensome, please provide the total email count of each thread (and the number of attachments) so I can define the next steps."

We wrote to you on 10 March 2022 to explain that by virtue of section 10(3) of the FOI Act, we were considering the information that we have identified in relation to your request under section 35 of the FOI Act, which relates to ongoing policy development.

We are continuing to work on your request but are not yet in a position to provide you with the outcome of our considerations. We aim to respond to you by 5 May 2022. We will of course reply sooner if possible.

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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