

# Bank of England

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**Please quote ref. CAS-44125-M9F9K1-  
on all correspondence**

Dear Jack Montgomery

Thank you for your email dated 9 April in which you ask to pass the following to *'the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews'*:

*'I am writing to request an internal review of Bank of England's handling of my FOI request 'Foreign Official Holdings of Debt', reference CAS-43162-V9C3K5.*

*This was originally submitted on February 10th, and I believe the Bank is now in breach of its legal obligations to provide a timely response per the Freedom of Information Act.*

*I am therefore requesting an internal review of the failure to fulfil my request as of the current date, which is April 9th 2022.'*

On 10 February you first sent an email (our ref. CAS-41754-W2J3D4) to the Bank of England (the 'Bank') in which you asked for access to certain information that may be held by the Bank under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Fol Act'). We responded on 8 March (our ref. CAS-41754-W2J3D4) explaining that we required clarification in order to determine if we held the specific information that you were interested in, in accordance with section 1(3) of the Fol Act. We also provided advice and assistance to help you clarify your request.

Your clarified request was received by us on 17 March (our ref. CAS-43162-V9C3K5). At this point the statutory 20 working deadline restarts and the date of your clarified request becomes Day One. This is explained in the Information Commissioner's Office guidance available on their website at <https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1162/interpreting-and-clarifying-a-request-foia-eir-guidance.pdf> and I have provided an extract below for ease of reference:

*'if the requester subsequently provides enough detail to enable the authority to identify and locate the information, then the authority must respond to the clarified request within a new 20 working day time limit with the 'clock' starting the day after it receives the required clarification'.*

Therefore the deadline for response to your clarified request would have been 14 April. We sent a response to you on 11 April.

I hope this helps to clarify the situation.

Yours sincerely



Marc Obiols  
Information Access Team

Your right to complain under the Fol Act

If you are unhappy with the Bank's response, you may ask for that decision to be reviewed internally. Please note that this will be subject to the Bank having received your submission within two months of the date of this response. In order to submit an internal review, please set out the grounds for your appeal and send it to Wendy Galvin, Information Access Team (TS-Mz), Communications Directorate, Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AH or by email to [enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk) for the attention of Wendy Galvin.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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We collect your personal data to assess your request and prepare our response to you. Our basis to process this data is that it is necessary for us to satisfy a legal obligation.

We will keep your personal data for 10 years. You can request that we no longer use your personal data, by contacting us via the website link below.

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