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Dear Mr Coomber

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Meetings

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 10th March 2017.

You asked for the following information:

"I would like to find out details of all of George Osborne's meetings, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, with Michael Sherwood (ex-Goldman Sachs) and during the period '10 thru '16, and specifically:

- 1. The date of those meetings.*
- 2. The subject matter of those meetings.*
- 3. The full list of attendees at those meetings."*

Section 1(3) of the FOIA states that a public authority may reasonably ask an applicant to clarify the scope of their request where it is unclear. The Treasury reasonably requires some more information in order to clarify the scope of your request.

In particular, please confirm whether you want us to search for meetings with Michael Sherwood as a representative of Goldman Sachs only, or also as a representative of any other business or organisation. If the latter, please specify the business(es) or organisation(s).

Once you have clarified the scope of your request, we will then be able to conduct searches in order to determine whether we hold information within scope and, if so, whether it can be located and extracted within the FOI cost limit.

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

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by HM Treasury.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.