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Ref: FOI2017/07567

Dear Mr Coomber

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Meetings

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 27th March 2017.

On 10 March 2017, you originally requested 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."*

On 27 March 2017, under our reference FOI2017/05575, we asked you to clarify the scope of your request. You responded the same day with the following clarification.

"I can confirm that I require information about Michael Sherwood in relation to meetings in his capacity as representative of:

- 1. Goldman Sachs*
- 2. British Homes Stores / Arcadia Group / Sir Philip Green*
- 3. Harefield Academy*
- 4. Boris Johnson as London Mayor, inc. on the Corporate Social Responsibility and Welfare to Work programme*
- 5. Tottenham Hotspur Football Club (of which he is / was shareholder)."*

I can confirm that HM Treasury does hold information within the scope of your request.

However, to locate and extract the information you have requested would exceed the appropriate limit. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting that information. Under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, departments are not obliged to comply with requests in these circumstances, and we are therefore unable to respond to your request.

It may be that if you were to amend your request, for example, by narrowing the timescale and the amount of information we may be able to help you. However, I cannot guarantee that this would be the case. Please note that our records for earlier years will include both paper and electronic, and the paper records are less easily searched than electronic records.

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

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 3/Red, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ or by emailing us at the address below. Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

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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, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.