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Dear Mr Williams

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 21 March 2021, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"Disclose all texts and replies regarding "David Cameron 'texted Rishi Sunak for Greensill Treasury loans" - <a href="https://uk.yahoo.com/news/david-cameron-texted-rishi-sunak-203946919.html">https://uk.yahoo.com/news/david-cameron-texted-rishi-sunak-203946919.html</a>."

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

We have recently released information relating to this matter in response to a previous FOI request. To the extent that the information is now published and reasonably accessible to you, section 21 of the FOI Act does not require us to separately provide that information to you. Instead, I have provided links to where that information can be found:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/response-to-a-freedom-of-information-request-on-greensill

In line with that response, we are withholding the communications sent by David Cameron to the Chancellor which you have requested. These communications were made by David Cameron in his capacity as an employee of Greensill, and with an expectation of confidence. We consider that these communications are exempt from disclosure under section 41(1) of the FOI Act (information provided in confidence. Section 41 is an absolute exemption and does not therefore require a consideration of the public interest.

Yours sincerely

**Information Rights Unit** 

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