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Dear M Boyce

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

I refer to your request, which was received on 26 January 2017, for the following information:

*Could HMRC please let me know how much the Director of Tax Credits Policy currently gets paid annually?*

I am writing to you to clarify the basis on which HMRC advised you that we could not meet this request. In our internal review of your request we stated that we were withholding the information under section 21 of FOIA. This was not correct. Our position remains as stated in our original response of 3 February that we do not hold the information you requested. At the time of your request HMRC did not have a post with the job title 'Director of Tax Credits Policy', and so did not hold any information as to the salary attaching to such a role.

## **Outside of FOIA**

To be helpful we provided a link to published information on all senior posts at HMRC. This contains information on all Director roles in HMRC and their annual salaries. This is published annually on the GOV.UK website at the following address:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/senior-posts-in-hmrCs-organisation-structure>

You can also view the current organisation structure in HMRC here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/650200/HMRC-organisation-chart-October-2017.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/650200/HMRC-organisation-chart-October-2017.pdf)

Other questions you raised in your request do not fall under the FOI regime and were correctly treated by the Department as a non-valid FOI request. Section 84 of FOIA states that in order for a request for information to be handled as a FOI request, it must be for recorded information. I assessed the questions to be for an explanation of a policy, opinion or a decision.

As you have exhausted the internal review process in respect of this FOI request, if you are not content with our clarification you should contact the Information Commissioner in the first instance. Contact details are available at their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

HMRC Freedom of Information Team