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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: Immigration

Thank you for your enquiry of 10 March. I am treating your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You sent in the following request:

- i. Everyone overseas has been informed that as soon as they get here they will get at least £26,000 a year to live on without doing a day's work and the more children they have real or not that amount will increased by many thousands. I have been told that this is already happening now with people on their way here who it seems have more 'rights' than we have;
- Does the Government know how many are on their way or in the process of coming here for this great free bounty;
- iii. What will be the cost to me and other workers over the next year; and
- iv. Why is this being allowed.

I can confirm that the Treasury does not hold any information in scope of your request.

The Home Office is the lead department on immigration issues, and answer questions about matters such as this. We recommend that you contact them via e-mail at: FolRequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or via post at:

Home Office Communications Unit 2 Marsham Street London SWIP 4DF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Nick Dippie 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, 2/W1, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

Email FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk

Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

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 your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot 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.