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Dear Sam Watson

Freedom of Information Act 2000: HM Treasury staff data

Thank you for your enquiry of 28 February 2018, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

The CSV files of both Junior and Senior Staff Roles and Salaries for March 2016, 2017. I can see your department has published them for March in all other years from 2011 - 2017 (which can be found here: <https://data.gov.uk/dataset/organogram-hm-treasury>) so I was looking to have the complete record for this data from March 2011 until present day. Please provide the information in the standard form, that is the same format you have provided this data in prior years as I intent to use it for academic research.

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

However, I am not required to provide it to you as it engages the exemption at section 22(1) (information intended for future publication) of the FOI Act. The information requested is being updated and will be published online as part of the existing dataset.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and we are required to consider the public interest in early disclosure against publishing the information in the future.

There is a strong public interest in the publication of information about staff resource and salaries in HM Treasury in order to promote transparency and accountability. However, public authorities such as HM Treasury must, within reason, have space to be able to determine their own publication timetables and deal with the necessary preparation, administration and context of publication.

The Act recognises that the coincidence of individual requests for information should not determine the publication timetables of public authorities, outside a planned publication. Given this, we judge that the balance of interest lies in not disclosing the information held at this time, but in releasing the information within the planned publication.

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

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