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Dear Mr Thomasson

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## Freedom of Information Act 2000: LIBOR funding

Thank you for your enquiry of 17 April 2019, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

*"Can you please confirm:*

1. *What was the allocation of funding to The Royal British Legion (RBL) and D-Day Revisited charities' from the £2.25 million funding announced on 12th July 2016.*

2. *If discussions took place between HM Treasury and the 'D Day Revisited Society', registered charity number 1129753 on 22 March 2015 with regards to LIBOR Funds.*

3. *If an agreement was reached following discussions with the 'D Day Revisited Society' on 22 March 2015 to appoint 'D-Day Revisited Society' to manage part of the LIBOR Fund.*

4. *If the following payments were made to 'D Day Revisited Society' and if so under what agreement;*

*£150,000 on 27 April 2015*

*£50,000 on June 2015*

*£120,000 on 2 November 2015*

5. *If the following payments were made to 'D Day Revisited Society' and if so under what agreement;*

*£300,000 on 24 March 2016*

*£50,000 on 1st July 2016*

*£20,000 on 28th September 2016*

6. *If 'D-Day Revisited' submitted its own applications for LIBOR funding on behalf of veterans in 2015 and 2016 and what was the value of these submissions."*

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

In response to Question 1: The Royal British Legion was allocated £1.5 million, and D-Day Revisited was allocated £750,000, from the £2.25 million grant announced on 12 July 2016.

In response to Questions 2 and 3: I can confirm that the then Chancellor wrote to D-Day Revisited on 24 March 2015 to thank the Society, and accept their offer to provide support for veterans to return to Normandy as an alternative to the established Royal British Legion's "D-Day Return" scheme, recognising that the established scheme may not be suitable for all veterans. Beyond this, we have not located any further records of discussions between HM Treasury and the D-Day Revisited Society, registered charity number 1129753, on 22 March 2015 with regards to LIBOR Funds.

In response to Question 4: a payment of £150,000 was made to D-Day Revisited on 23 April 2015 (this would likely have cleared into their bank account around 27 April); a payment of £50,000 was made to D-Day Revisited on 28 May 2015 (this would likely have cleared into their bank account around 1 June); and a payment of £200,000 was made to D-Day Revisited on 29 October 2015 (this would likely have cleared into their bank account around 2 November). These payments were LIBOR grants, made to D-Day Revisited to be disbursed to eligible veterans, to meet the Government's commitment to support veterans in their annual return to D-Day (and, later, the battle in Europe).

In response to Question 5: a payment of £300,000 was made to D-Day Revisited on 22 March 2016 (this would likely have cleared into their bank account around 24 March). This payment was a LIBOR grant, made to D-Day Revisited to be disbursed to eligible veterans, to meet the Government's commitment to support veterans in their annual return to D-Day (and, later, the battle in Europe).

Further in response to Question 5: a payment of £50,000 was made to D-Day Revisited on 29 June 2016 (this would likely have cleared into their bank account around 1 July); and a payment of £20,000 was made to D-Day Revisited on 26 September 2016 (this would likely have cleared into their bank account around 28 September). These latter two payments were LIBOR grants to third party organisations (the Normandy Memorial Trust and the Sword Beach "Promenade for Peace" respectively), where, to facilitate project delivery, D-Day Revisited agreed to disburse funds on behalf of HM Treasury. The sums provided to D-Day Revisited were disbursed in full to the eventual recipient organisations.

In response to Question 6: D-Day Revisited did not submit applications for LIBOR funding in 2015 and 2016; rather, the LIBOR Grants detailed above were provided to D-Day Revisited following the then Chancellor's letter of 24 March 2015 for onward disbursement to eligible veterans, in anticipation of the expected demand from individual veterans for financial support for travel.

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Yours sincerely

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