

## **Central Policy**

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As appendix

Your Ref

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Dear Sirs,

I refer to your request for information identified in the appendix to this letter. It is one of number of requests received from others, also listed in the appendix.

By this letter, which is being sent you and to each of the others listed in the appendix, I reply under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The regulations coming out of section 12(4) FOIA provide that, in prescribed circumstances, a public authority may aggregate requests for the purposes of the cost of compliance where two or more requests are made by:-

- One person, or
- Different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign **and**
- Relate to the same or similar information and
- Have been received by the public authority within a space of 60 consecutive working days

The requests listed in the appendix fulfil all of those criteria and consequently are being aggregated by HMRC. Section 12 FOI makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.½ working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Information is available in large print, audio tape and Braille formats. Type Talk service prefix number – 18001





We estimate that it will take us in excess of 3.½ working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner will not usually consider a case unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by HMRC. He can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

John Sharpe

| HMRC<br>FOI REF | NAME      | DATE REC'D | REQUEST                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2029/09         | Jagger    | 26/08/09   | Can HMRC publish the minutes of meetings held between 1st October 2007 and 31st December 2007, where the pective provision announced in Budget Note 66 2008 was discussed.                                                     |
| 2337/09         | Jagger    | 22/10/09   | Can HMRC supply copies of minutes of all meetings which took place between 1/7/07 and 30/9/07, where the measure in Budget Note 66 (2008) was talked about.                                                                    |
| 2364/09         | Lydiatt   | 29/10/09   | Can HMRC publish the minutes of any meetings which were held during May or June 2007, where the double taxation scheme closed by Section 58 of Finance Act 2008 was discussed.                                                 |
| 2376/09         | Kloot     | 2/11/09    | Please can HMRC supply copies of the minutes of any meetings held during the month of February 2007, which discussed the scheme referred to in Budget Note 66 published on 12th March 2008.                                    |
| 2408/09         | Khanna    | 7/11/09    | I would like to request copies of any minutes from<br>meetings which took place in April 2007, where the<br>scheme in s.58 FA2008 was under discussion.                                                                        |
| 2410/09         | Bromfield | 7/11/09    | In reference to the scheme closed by section 58,<br>Finance act 2008. Can HMRC supply the minutes of<br>meetings that took place during October 2007, where<br>the scheme was mentioned?                                       |
| 2411/09         | Thorn     | 9/11/09    | Could you please publish the minutes of meetings, where the scheme covered by section 58 finance act 2008 was discussed, which took place during November 2007.                                                                |
| 2416/09         | Blanks    | 9/11/09    | Request pertains to the scheme dealt with by section 58 of the 2008 finance act. Can you provide copies of the minutes from HMRC meetings held in the month of September of 2007, where this scheme was a topic of discussion. |
| 2418/09         | Balfour   | 11/11/09   | Please provide copies of the minutes of any meetings which took place during December 2007, where any of the schemes covered by section 58 of the 2008 finance act were discussed.                                             |