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Dear Mr Ricketts

Our ref: FOI321270

Thank you for your email of 20 June, in which you request:

“1. Please disclose any recorded information held by the Prime Ministers office in relation to this £8 billion and where it will come from (for example and not limited to; memo's, official documents, manifesto, meeting minutes).

2. Please disclose any communication between Mr Cameron and Mr Osbourne (then chancellor of the exchequer) held by the Prime Ministers office in relation to the £8 billion (which may include but not limited to; letters, policy discussions, emails, transcribed phone calls).

3. Please disclose any communication between Mr Cameron and Mr Hunt (Secretary of State for Health) held by the Prime Ministers office in relation to the £8 billion (which may include but not limited to; letters, policy discussions, emails, transcribed phone calls).”

Your requests have been handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

I can confirm that the Prime Minister's Office holds information relevant to your requests, in for the form of the Summer Budget delivered by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July. The Summer Budget itself can be found on the gov.uk website, at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-budget-2015>

I have included the relevant extracts from the Summer Budget as an annex to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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NICHOLAS HOWARD

Mr Dale Ricketts

Annex – Extracts from the Summer Budget red book

Executive Summary

This Budget sets out the action the government will take to:

- eliminate the deficit and run an overall surplus to start paying down debt, while increasing spending on defence and the NHS

2.13 Welfare

Funding for healthcare

The NHS ‘Five Year Forward View’ outlines a plan for a more sustainable, integrated health service that cares for people closer to home.

The Budget protects spending on the NHS in England and backs its 5-year plan. The government will continue to spend more on the NHS in real terms every year, as it has in every year since 2010. It will fully fund the NHS plan which called for £8 billion more by 2020-21. This additional funding comes on top of the £2 billion announced at Autumn Statement 2014.

The Budget therefore commits to increase NHS funding in England by £10 billion in real terms by 2020-21, above 2014-15 levels. This additional investment will support the NHS in England to go further than its plan and to deliver a step change in safety, quality and access.

The Five Year Forward View set out how, with the additional funding confirmed in this Budget, the NHS will deliver £22 billion in efficiency savings by 2020-21. This will come through improvements to quality of care and staff productivity, and better procurement.

The government will ensure the NHS becomes a 7-day service by 2020-21. Hospitals will be appropriately staffed at weekends to ensure people can obtain the care they need every day of the week. Everyone will be able to access GP services from 8am – 8pm seven days a week. These improvements will allow people to better balance work, health and family and will be a key to a more productive economy.

6.2 Public Spending

Health

NHS funding – The government will back the NHS Five Year Forward View and increase NHS funding by £10 billion per annum, above inflation, by 2020-21. This is a real terms funding increase of £8 billion, in addition to the £2 billion for 2015-16 announced at Autumn Statement 2014. The NHS will receive £2 billion more than it asked for in its 5 year plan to fund the government's objectives, including to make the NHS a 7 day service. The NHS will receive staged funding increases in every year of the Parliament. The specific level of funding for each year will be determined in the Spending Review.



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If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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