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Dear Mr Williams

Ref: FOI2018/12810

## Freedom of Information Act 2000: Voting

Thank you for your enquiry of 20 July 2018, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

*"Provide all data held relating to Smith asking MPs to break pairing and vote. See the following Guardian article:-*

*Jo Swinson pairing row: Conservatives admit chief whip asked MPs to break arrangements Julian Smith made error in asking Tory MP to vote despite pact with Lib Dem, say party sources*

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/jul/19/tory-whip-julian-smith-urged-to-explain-pairing-breach-that-caused-serious-damage>"

I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request.

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Yours sincerely



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