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Dear Mr Paddock

Ref: 11/953

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: PROPORTION OF ADULTS OF WORKING AGE THAT DO NOT PAY INCOME TAX

Thank you for your enquiry dated 9 November 2011. I am treating your enquiry as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for information on:

- *The absolute number of adults of working age whose status exempts them from paying income tax for any reason.*
- *The absolute number of adults of working age with a registered disability who do not pay income tax.*
- *The proportion of able-bodied adults, of working age, who do not pay income tax.*
- *The mean income of able-bodied adults of working age who do not pay income tax.*

I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold any of this information, but I have asked HMRC, as the department that collects tax, to provide their input.

On your first point, I can tell you that legally there is no one who is exempt from income tax. On your points 2-4, HMRC does not hold administrative information in scope of your request.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Information Rights Unit

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 2/W1, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

Email FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk

Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by HM Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.