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Dear Joseph Lloyd

Ref: FOI2021/28468

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 19 December 2021, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I wish to see the following information regarding Rishi Sunak's trip to California in December 2021:

- The names and job titles of those who went on the trip.*
- Full copies of all notes, minutes, agendas and briefing materials for meetings that were attended on the trip.*
- Full copies of all agendas/itineraries/dairies for the trip.*
- A full breakdown of all of the costs associated with the trip (including fees, travel, accommodation, food and any other related costs). If funding came from any second or third parties please include them in the breakdown."*

We have identified information that falls within the scope of your request which we believe may engage section 35(1)(a) – formulation and development of Government policy – of the FOI Act. This is a qualified exemption and we are required to balance the public interest between disclosure and non-disclosure of the information.

By virtue of section 10(3) of the FOI Act, where public authorities have to consider the balance of the public interest in relation to a request, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances.

We always aim to reply to requests in full within twenty working days, even when the balancing of the public interest is required. However, in this case, the Treasury has not yet resolved the different considerations. We therefore need to take some additional time to assess whether the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

We estimate it will take us approximately four weeks to complete our considerations though we will of course reply sooner if it is possible to do so.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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