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Dear Mr S Davey,

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request under the FOIA, which was received on 1st November, for the following information:

Roles of Government Departments Involved in the Production of Studies on the Impact of Brexit

I refer to my FoI request to the DExEU:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/studies\_on\_the\_impact\_of\_brexit#outgoing-681506

## And their response:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/studies\_on\_the\_impact\_of\_brexit#incoming-1043508

In the response to Item 5a, DExEU says: "We can confirm that DExEU does not hold this information. This exercise relied on expertise and involvement from across Government, and we are as such unable to ascertain the effort in days that went into producing these studies."

I now have the following questions of your department. I would be grateful if you would answer these questions on behalf of your department.



- 1 Did your department have any role in the production of any of the studies referred to in the above referenced Fol request and response from DExEU? Please note, since my original Fol request, DExEU has identified the sectors covered by the studies.
- 2 If your department did have a role, what was that role?.
- 3 If you did have a role, what was the total amount of effort (in person days) expended by civil servants or department/agency-supervised government contractors on all of the studies to which you contributed?.
- 4 If you did have a role, was any of the work subcontracted to external service providers under fixed-price or time/materials terms? If so, please provide details of these contracts including the supplier, the value and the contracting route?.
- 5 Please identify the studies to which you contributed?.

I can confirm that HMRC does not hold the information requested.

We have conducted electronic searches of our records to ascertain whether HMRC had a role in the production of studies on the impact of Brexit. These searches indicate that this information is not held.

If you are not happy with this reply you may request a review by emailing <a href="mailto:foi.review@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk">foi.review@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk</a>, or by post to HMRC FOI Team, Room 1C/23, 100 Parliament Street London SW1A 2BQ. You must request a review within 2 months of the date of this letter. It would help us carry out our review if you set out the aspects of the reply that concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO will not usually consider a case unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by HMRC. You can make a complaint through the ICO's website at: <a href="www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>, or by post to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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