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Dear Mr Crutchley

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: Benefits Management

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 18th February 2013.

You asked for information covering –

- a) If HMT has a benefits management centre of excellence or a benefits management permanent member of staff?
- b) Also, I requested examples of benefits work that HMT has produced. Therefore, could you please provide me with such samples of work?

I confirm that HM Treasury holds information that falls in scope of your request. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the statutory limit of £600 or three and a half working days, in locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Act departments are not obliged to comply with requests in such circumstances. The exemption seeks to balance the public interest in accessing information against the resource cost to public authorities in handling broad and voluminous requests. Initial searches of our electronic records management database, using relevant keywords, returned a large number of documents that would need to be read in order to determine whether they were in scope of your request.

However to be helpful I can advise you that, in response to the Strategic Review of the Treasury held in 2010, the Treasury committed to greater project working and a Project Working Centre of Expertise was set up within the Strategy, Planning and Budget Group. Information and guidance on project working is available to all staff on the internal intranet.

You may also find it interesting to look at the following:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/psr_major_projects.htm

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/speech_permsec_080311.htm

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.

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Wendy Rendall
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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.