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Dear Mr Tinker

## Freedom of Information Act 2000: Disguised Remuneration Schemes

Thank you for your enquiry of 21 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:

*"Please can you undertake a search of records to find any contractors that have been found to use disguised remuneration schemes from 2016 to present day."*

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

To comprehensively identify whether any contingent labour procured by HM Treasury since 2016 has been paid through a disguised remuneration scheme would require access to records held by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC). These are not available to HM Treasury due to HMRC's duty of confidentiality.

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

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Unit

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