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Dear Mr Miller

Ref: FOI2020/01558

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 25 January 2020 which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

*"What savings have accrued to the public purse under the £30 reduction for claimants of ESA WRAG in each month since that reduction was implemented"*

I am unable to confirm whether HM Treasury holds information within the scope of your request. In order to identify if we hold any information would require examination of over 3000 search results of internal files. This is because the Treasury does not collate information in a way that could be used to easily identify possible information within the scope of your request.

We estimate that to search and locate any information held would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for central Government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act departments are not obliged to comply with requests in these circumstances. It is difficult for us to suggest how you could narrow your request. However, if you wish to submit a revised request we would be happy to consider it. Alternatively, the Department for Work and Pensions are the lead for this policy.

Yours sincerely

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