DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: FOI2019/03662

06 February 2019

Dear Trudy Baddams,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 24 January. You asked:

When did the government begin using National Insurance Contributions for bringing down the National Debt?

How much of the National Insurance Contributions has been used to bring down the national debt?

Have the payments from the National Insurance Fund brought down the national debt, if so, by how much within the time it has been used for this purpose?

DWP Response:

Unfortunately, we do not hold any recorded information regarding your request.

The information you are seeking is about National Insurance, you will need to contact HMRC. The link below gives details on how to make a FoI request to HMRC.

 $\frac{https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/about/publication-scheme\#make-an-foi-request-to-hmrc}{}$

With regards to the question about National Debt, we would recommend that you contact HM Treasury.

The link below gives details on how to make a Fol request to HMT.

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-treasury

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Policy Group Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing <u>freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk</u> or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745