

12 February 2019
Our ref: FOI310119

Dear ,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, which we received on 31 January 2019.

You requested the following:

Could you please advise me of the total amounts paid to the European Union by year for the last 10 years. These payments would be the agreed amounts paid for membership of the EU.

This material is already in the public domain having been published by HM Treasury in its annual Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses (e.g. for 2018: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/726878/PESA_2018_Print.pdf). Strictly speaking it is therefore subject to a Section 21 exemption under the Freedom of Information Act, but we are happy to compile the relevant tables from different PESA publications for you. These are attached as an Excel file.

You might also be interested in some related information in our November 2017 *EFO* (<https://obr.uk/efo/economic-fiscal-outlook-november-2017/>). In Annex B, we discussed the EU's finances and the UK's contribution to them in the context of how that affects our forecasts.

If you have any other queries about this letter, feel free to contact OBR enquiries at obr.enquiries@obr.uk.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Unit
Office for Budget Responsibility

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