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Our ref: FOI090219

102 Petty France
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Dear,

Re: Freedom of Information Request.

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, which we received on 9 February 2019.

You requested the following:

A spreadsheet of the calculations of the financial settlement with the EU. The legally required and the non-legally required payments to be identified. Elements of the total may be based upon assumptions and where made, for those assumptions to be clearly stated.

For the part of your request about the calculations of the financial settlement and assumptions used, I can confirm that we hold this information and since we have published it as part of the fiscal forecast in our Economic and fiscal outlook (EFO), this information is subject to a Section 21 exemption under the Freedom of Information Act.

In Annex B of our March 2018 EFO we set out our calculations of the Government's financial settlement with the EU, as well as the assumptions needed to generate a year-by-year payment profile and future developments and uncertainties (<https://obr.uk/efo/economic-fiscal-outlook-march-2018/>).

In our October 2018 EFO we updated these estimates and we explained the reasons for the changes since March 2018 (<https://obr.uk/box/the-financial-settlement-with-the-european-union-an-update/>).

For the part of your request about which payments are legally and non-legally required, I can confirm that we do not hold the information that you have requested. The OBR is required by legislation to produce its forecasts based on current Government policy.

I hope this information is useful to you. If you have any other queries about this letter, please send them to our enquiries inbox at obr.enquiries@obr.uk.

Yours sincerely

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