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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 31 January 2019.

You requested the following:

Could you advise me of the amount in pounds that central government pays into the above funds over and above what employees or employers, local authorities, government departments, etc pay to keep these viable for each year for the last 5 years?

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, strictly speaking, subject to a Section 21 exemption under the Freedom of Information Act.

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You also asked for information on the local government scheme. As the scheme is fully funded, it does not form part of our forecast in the same manner as the unfunded schemes, and this is therefore not information we hold.

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

Freedom of Information Unit
Office for Budget Responsibility

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