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Freedom of Information Act 2000: the Consolidated Fund

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 6 August 2016, which we received on Monday 8 August.

You asked for the following information:

- "1. Can Departments pay salaries to non-employees from the Consolidated Fund as employees?"*
- 2. Which Departments pay salaries to non-employees from the Consolidated Fund as employees?"*
- 3. Which Departments issue pay statements, P60s and P45 to non-employees stating the Department, and not the employer, as the employer?"*

I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold all the information within the scope of your request.

The Consolidated Fund issues funds to departments to finance Supply Service payments in line with amounts voted by Parliament through the Supply Estimates process. Departments can then use this cash for the purposes approved by Parliament in line with their ambit and legal powers. This would include departmental salaries (Question 1). We do not hold information for each Government department (Questions 2-3) because each department follows its own process.

The Consolidated Fund also funds Standing Service payments which are exempt from any need to be voted by Parliament because it has, by statute, permanently authorised the payments. These payments include salaries of members of the Higher Judiciary and Political and Public Offices. Further details can be found in the Consolidated Fund accounts, which are available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hmt-central-funds>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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