



Information Rights Unit  
HM Treasury  
1 Horse Guards Road  
London  
SW1A 2HQ

020 7270 5000  
foirequests@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk  
www.gov.uk/hm-treasury

20 December 2017

Ref: FOI2017/21529

## Freedom of Information Act 2000: Taxes and Public Sector Net Debt

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 22 November 2017.

You asked for the following information:

*"... how much did you collect in taxes from April 2016 to April 2017 ? and how much is the national debt ? up to April 2017."*

I can confirm that HM Treasury holds the information within the scope of your request.

In the financial year 2016-17 Public Sector Current Receipts (PSCR) totalled £726.7 billion and by the end of the 2016-17 financial year Public Sector Net Debt was £1,726.9 billion. These are official national statistics that are updated and published each month as part of the Public Sector Finances release which you can access here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-sector-finances-bulletin>

Following the monthly Public Sector Finances publication, the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) update their 'Public Finances databank'. Alongside PSCR, the OBR also publish taxes collected by the Government on a National Accounts basis. This is another metric for evaluating how much the Government collects but is narrower than PSCR as it excludes receipts from interest and dividends and other smaller sources of revenue. In 2016-17, National Accounts taxes amounted to £672.7 billion. You can access the OBR's 'Public Finances databank' from the following link:

[www.budgetresponsibility.org.uk/data/](http://www.budgetresponsibility.org.uk/data/)

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not oblige public authorities to reissue information which is already accessible. However, we have provided you with the hyperlinks above.

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

Information Rights Unit