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## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 12 May 2021, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

*"I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for details about communications between Tom Scholar and former Prime Minister David Cameron.*

*Mr. Cameron listed several communications between himself and Mr. Scholar in his submissions to the Treasury Select Committee published by the committee on May 11, 2021, relating to Greensill Capital.*

*They can be found here:*

*<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/5765/documents/66067/default/>  
and here:*

*<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/5763/documents/66069/default/>*

*Specifically I would like to see Mr. Scholar's responses to each of Mr. Cameron's approaches and those by his office, as outlined below:*

- 1. Mr. Scholar's response to Mr. Cameron's text message on March 5, 2020*
- 2. Mr. Scholar's response to Mr. Cameron's text message on March 6, 2020*
- 3. Mr. Scholar's response to Mr. Cameron's text message on March 17, 2020*
- 4. Mr. Scholar's response to Mr. Cameron's text message on March 19, 2020*
- 5. Mr. Scholar's responses to Mr. Cameron's text messages on March 28, 2020*
- 6. Mr. Scholar's responses to Mr. Cameron's text messages on March 30, 2020*
- 7. Any minutes taken of the phone call between Mr. Scholar and Mr. Cameron on March 30, 2020*
- 8. Mr. Scholar's response to Mr. Cameron's text message on April 1, 2020*
- 9. Mr. Scholar's response to Mr. Cameron's text message on April 2, 2020*
- 10. Mr. Scholar's response to Mr. Cameron's text message on April 3, 2020*
- 11. Mr. Scholar's responses to Mr. Cameron's text messages on April 4, 2020*
- 12. Mr. Scholar's response to Mr. Cameron's text message on April 6, 2020*
- 13. Mr. Scholar's responses to Mr. Cameron's text messages on April 7, 2020*
- 14. Any minutes taken of the phone call between Mr. Scholar, Charles Roxburgh and Mr. Cameron on March 30, 2020*

*I am interested in the responses whether they were sent on the same day as the messages were received from Mr. Cameron or his office, or whether they were sent thereafter.*

*I note cursory reference to a fraction of the information I am after in this FOI release – relating to an April 7 exchange:*

*[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/979867/Information\\_in\\_scope\\_FOI2021\\_11880\\_with\\_redactions\\_Final.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/979867/Information_in_scope_FOI2021_11880_with_redactions_Final.pdf)*

*Obviously I am seeking details of any other replies to Mr. Cameron from Mr Scholar on other dates, as well as a fuller release of the April 7 exchange.*

*If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.*

*If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request. My details are outlined below."*

Following a search of our records, we can confirm that HM Treasury holds some information within the scope of your request. This relates to questions 5 and 7 above, and has been included in the Treasury's freedom of information release on 22 April 2021, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hm-treasury-communications-with-greensill> (p17-18). This includes an email containing the text of a message to Mr Cameron, sent on 28 March 2020, which Mr Scholar copied to email on the same day.

Your other requests relate to responses from Mr Scholar to Mr Cameron's text messages between 5 March and 7 April 2020. The Treasury does not hold this information. On 1 June 2020, Mr Scholar's mobile phone had to be reset, after being automatically locked when an incorrect password was entered several times (this is a standard security feature on Treasury mobile phones).

Lastly, in question 14, you asked for any minutes taken of a phone call between Mr Scholar, Mr Roxburgh and Mr Cameron on 30 March 2020. We can confirm that no such phone call took place.

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

Yours sincerely

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