

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Liam Byrne's note to David Laws [OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE]  
**Date:** 19 August 2014 13:40:54

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Hi [REDACTED]  
I'll look into the custody issue and update you when I know more.

As far as disposition is concerned, it's timely that we're looking into Private Office collections now, [REDACTED] is working on an appraisal review, as you know. This note will naturally fall into a PO collection due for review, in due course. My assumption is that Chief Secs records will be transferred to TNA, though we can confirm finally when the PD policy is agreed between us. You are involved in this of course and it will all be wrapped up in the next few weeks.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 August 2014 10:55  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Liam Byrne's note to David Laws [OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE]

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

It is a year since TNA enquired to HMT about the above public record and the chance of having it transferred to TNA for preservation. I think there was some discussion between Treasury staff (not in writing) that HMT did not wish for it to be transferred due to the timing of the general election in 2015 which at that time was some two years off. As you know, public records can be transferred as closed upon transfer to TNA and so it did not seem to be a convincing argument to us. That said, I would like to know the following if possible.

Has HMT received the original record back from David Laws?  
If not, can HMT pursue this with him again?  
Has a formal decision been made on its disposal by HMT; i.e. transfer to TNA?  
Can TNA have confirmation of this decision in writing?

I look forward to your response. Thanks.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 July 2013 16:18  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [UNCLASSIFIED] RE: Liam Byrne's note to David Laws

Hi,

As soon as I have it I will let you know.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 July 2013 16:11  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: RE: Liam Byrne's note to David Laws [UNCLASSIFIED]

OK. Thanks for pursuing. I will enquire further in a couple of weeks.  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 July 2013 16:04  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [UNCLASSIFIED] RE: Liam Byrne's note to David Laws

Hi,

I am still waiting for it to be returned. I have chased CO. The Treasury view this as a record to be preserved by HMT.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 July 2013 15:01  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Liam Byrne's note to David Laws [UNCLASSIFIED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 July 2013 15:00  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Liam Byrne's note to David Laws [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Oliver Morley is eager to have this record transferred to the National Archives for preservation as soon as you can secure it from David Laws. Management have asked me to check up on any Treasury progress in locating it for this purpose. Do you have any further news on this issue?

Regards

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