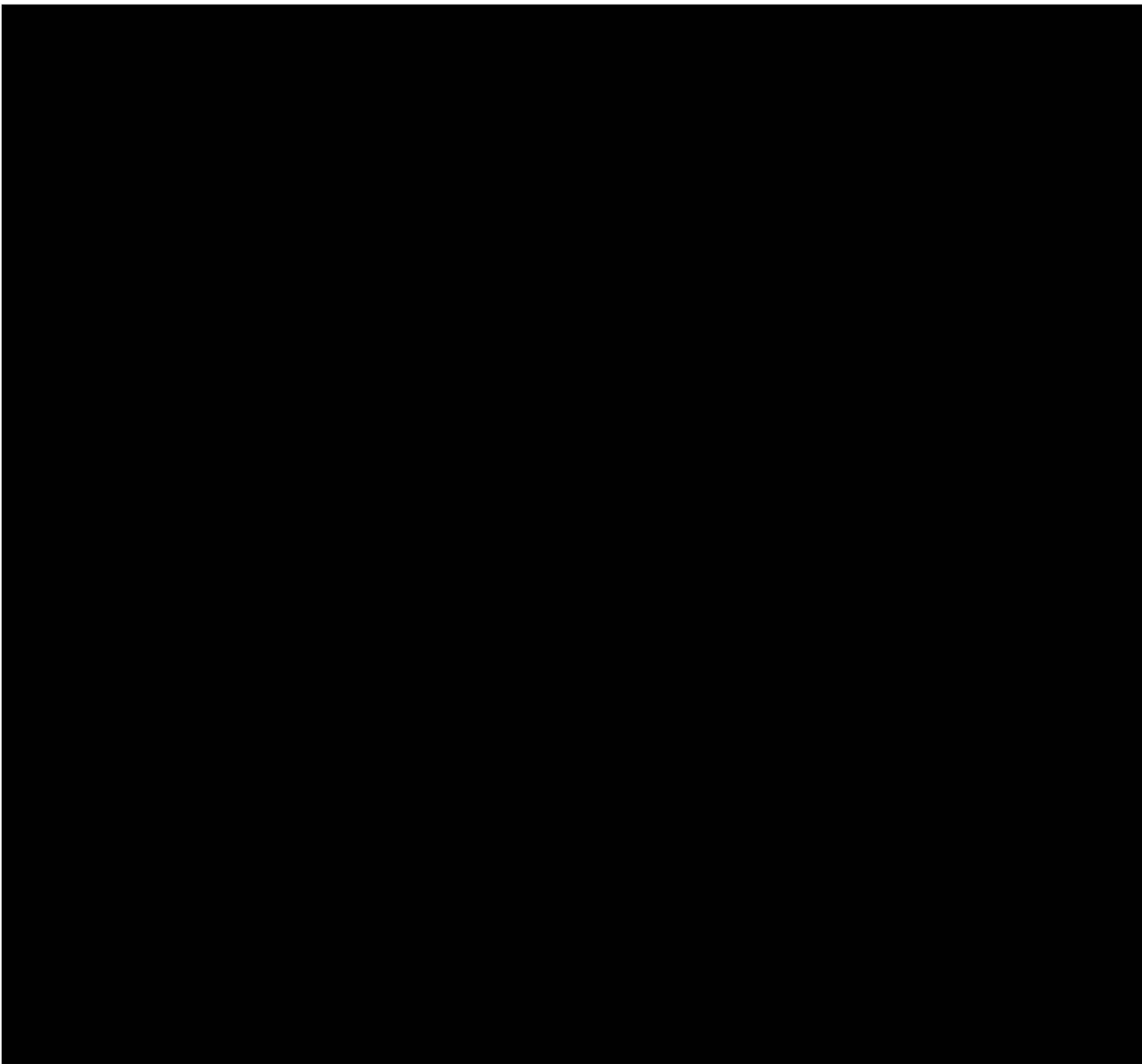


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- Some media outlets have covered the story regarding the status of the note Liam Byrne left in 2010 for his successor as Chief Secretary to the Treasury. (*Dear Chief Secretary, I'm afraid there is no money. Kind regards - and good luck! Liam*). The reports state that David Laws has the note and has kept it despite requests from both HM Treasury and The National Archives to return it as it is a public record.

In the normal course of information management work with colleagues in HM Treasury in June / July 2013 we discussed the status of the above note with HMT. It was felt that the note was a public record and that it should be transferred to The National Archives. Our records indicate that HM Treasury were doing this via the Cabinet Office.

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