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Information	**Exemption Applied**	**Reasons for Disclosure**	**Reasons for Non-Disclosure**
Attribution of views and comments to individuals and organisations recorded within the Banking Roundtable note of meeting, including stakeholder contributions and opinions expressed during discussions.	Section 36(2)(b)(ii) and 36(2)(c) – Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs	• To show compliance with the FOI Act by disclosing information held by the Department as a Public Authority. • There is a general public interest in accountability, openness and transparency of Government. • Disclosure would promote public understanding of discussions between the Department and external stakeholders. • There is a public interest in understanding the range of views expressed in relation to financial and economic matters and how these inform policy development.	• There is a strong public interest in protecting the ability of the Department to engage in free and frank discussions with stakeholders. • Disclosure of attributed comments would be likely to inhibit individuals and organisations from participating fully and candidly in future discussions, particularly where sensitive or commercially relevant matters are being discussed. • This would reduce the quality and breadth of information available to the Department, thereby prejudicing the effective conduct of public affairs. • Participants provide views in the expectation that comments will not be publicly attributed, and disclosure would undermine that expectation and damage trust between the Department and stakeholders. • There is a risk that stakeholders would be less willing to engage in future roundtable events or similar forums if their comments

			were liable to be disclosed, which would impact on the Department's ability to gather evidence and inform policy decisions. • The substance of the discussions has been disclosed where possible, which meets the public interest in transparency without identifying individuals. • The Department considers that the consequences of releasing attributed information are significant and the likelihood of prejudice is high.

After weighing up the competing public interest considerations, the Department considers that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the information. The information should therefore be withheld under Section 36(2)(b)(ii) and 36(2)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

DECISION MAKER: Wendy Lecky **DATE:** 08/06/26