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Dear Mr Drapeau,

Freedom of information request – RFI20080764

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”) dated 14 July 08. You requested:

I wish to know how many requests the BBC received either during calendar year 2007 or fiscal year 2007-2008.

The information you requested is already published in our annual report available online via our publication scheme at: http://www.bbc.co.uk/foi/docs/annual_accounts.shtml

However please find copied below the relevant section which I have extracted from the annual report (page 64). Please note that this information relates to the fiscal year period 2007-2008.

Freedom of Information

The BBC’s online publication scheme had nearly 2.4 million hits during the year (up 80% from 2006/07), with almost 1.7 million documents downloaded (double the previous year).

We received 1,066 requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act. All or some of the information was released in 651 (61%) of requests. 88% of requests were responded to within the 20 working days statutory time frame, or extended legitimately under the Act.

Over the year, the top six areas for requests received were:

- *Money spent on taxis and flights*
- *Costs expended in collecting the licence fee*
- *Staff pay and expenses*
- *Future Technology*
- *Details of BBC properties and property services*



- *BBC staff demographics (gender and minority ethnic splits)*

In addition, there were 37 requests for internal reviews of BBC FOI decisions, and 53 cases were referred to the Information Commissioner's Office.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager or legal adviser. Please contact us at the address above, explaining what you would like us to review and including your reference number. If you are not satisfied with the internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. The contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545 700 or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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