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Dear Mr Black,

Freedom of Information Request - RF120090679

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") received on 8 May 2009, seeking the following information:

'...how many people were employed at salary grade 10 (or were acting up to that grade) in the Core News section of World Service News and Current Affairs at the time of the last pay rise in 2008? How many of those people received a bonus? How many received an above standard pay rise? How many received both a bonus and an above standard pay rise?'

Under section 40(2) of the Act, we are withholding the information requested. As the request relates to a small number of staff, this could lead to individuals being identified. Personal information about living individuals is exempt if disclosure to a third party would breach one or more principles of the Data Protection Act 1998. As individuals who work at the BBC do not expect their remuneration details to be disclosed, to do so would be unfair; therefore, disclosure would breach the First Data Protection Principle, fairness.

Your Appeal Rights:

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager. Please contact us at the following address: BBC Freedom of Information, Room 2252, White City, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TS, 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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