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Jane Black

Jane Black [request-1211-61]

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Dear Ms Black

Freedom of information request – RFI20080789

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”) dated 17 July 2008.

You requested:

“Based on the precedent set by your release of the cost of BBC Action Network (see link below), please send me the annual cost of the recently-closed BBC Holiday website from 2003 onwards.

http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/bbc_action_network_cost#incoming-272”

In response to your request, the gross spend for the BBC Holiday website is as follows, the vast majority of the spend being staff time:

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Gross Spend</u>
2003/2004	£99,520
2004/2005	£66,713
2005/2006	£53,278
2006/2007	£41,104

We hope you find this helpful.

Please note that the information you requested is not covered by the Freedom of Information Act. Your request is outside the scope of the Act because the BBC and the other public service broadcasters are covered by the Act only in respect of information held for purposes “other than those of journalism, art or literature” (see Schedule I, Part VI of the Act). On this occasion however we’re happy to respond to your request because the site is now closed. Nevertheless, we are distinguishing this request from the request you have referred to regarding the BBC Action Network



on the grounds that the BBC's role in relation to the Action Network site was an impartial one, providing a neutral platform to help anyone in the UK become more involved in local civic and democratic activities. For more information about how the Act applies to the BBC please see www.bbc.co.uk/foi. Please note that this guidance is not intended to be a comprehensive legal interpretation of how the Act applies to the BBC.

The BBC does not offer an internal review when the information requested is not covered by the Act. If you disagree with our decision you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. Contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF telephone 01625 545 700. <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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