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Via email: request-13910-4470db19@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Bird

Freedom of information request – RFI20090952

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”) dated 30 June 2009. You requested the following information:

The value of hospitality provided at Wimbledon for the benefit of BBC staff over the two weeks of the tournament.

Copies of invoices / receipts relating to the above if these are available.

List of BBC "presenting" staff offered complimentary hospitality at the Wimbledon tournament rather than staff working at the tournament, I am requesting details about those such as Ian Hislop whose presenting role does not relate to sports.

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

I am assuming the question refers to hospitality provided by the BBC. The BBC does not have details of hospitality provided to BBC staff by third parties.

No hospitality was provided for the benefit of BBC staff over the two weeks of the tournament by the BBC.

Financial pressures and responsibility to licence fee payers have led to changes in our approach to corporate hospitality in recent years. For example, even after significant reductions in spend over the past couple of years, we decided that the right thing for us to do as a publicly-funded organisation is not to offer any corporate hospitality at Wimbledon this year.



A list of BBC presenting staff who attended Wimbledon with complimentary tickets provided by the BBC is listed below. Staff and guests were not provided with any food, transport or accommodation by the BBC. (These tickets are included in the BBC's broadcast rights contract for the Tournament, and so no additional cost to the licence fee payer was incurred):

Alistair Hignall plus guest
Jake Humphrey plus guest
Dara O'Brien plus Guest
Michael McIntyre plus Guest
Hardeep Singh Koli plus Guest
Lee McKenzie
Ore Oduba
Lee Dixon plus guest
John Inverdale plus guest
Alan Davies plus Guest
Gabby Logan plus guest
Lesley Sharp plus Guest
Rupert Penry Jones plus Guest
David Morrissey plus Guest
Adrian Chiles plus guest
David Coulthard plus guest
Martin Brundle plus guest
Jake Humphrey plus guest
Jonathan Legard plus guest
Ted Kravitz plus guest

Appeal Rights

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Yours sincerely

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