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Dear Mr Wright



## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (**FOIA**) received by the Olympic Delivery Authority (**ODA**) on 16 October 2008 requesting the following information:

- 1) *What official or panel had the final say over the 8 minutes London 2012 displays in Beijing during the closing ceremony and the same people be responsible for designing and approving the 2012 Opening and Closing ceremony.*
- 2) *At the time of the display, it received a lot of negative on some news programs by members of the public. Has any been done to gather feedback on the events, if so may i what conclusions have been made? If research has NOT been done into this matter, why and who is responsible for failing to ask the public what they thought about how British taxpayers money was spent.*
- 3) *What officials decided the Olympics Parade to celebrate the athletes medal haul should be held two months after the events. Why could this*



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*of not been held sooner? Who had the say for this event to be held on a THURSDAY, a week day when of the population are at work or school. Was any research gathered on the impact of holding this event on a weekday? If there is a low turnout because of the two things mentioned before, will be held accountable for this failure or will lessons be?*

*A lot of people are unhappy about the lack of promotion Thursdays has got and this may contribute to a low turnout. Who is for advertising this event, how much tax payers money paid to a company for advertising it and has any minister or official raised concerns about the victory parade.*

- 4) *I would like to see any documents available showing the decision only include the 1st and 4th verse of the British national at the 2008 Olympic closing ceremonies. Who made this and will the FULL national anthem be included at the 2012 Olympic games or again just the 1st and 4th, which confused a lot people. Was the same thing done the last time Britain hosted the Olympics, or was the full version used?*

The ODA does not hold information falling within the description specified in your request.

However, the ODA works closely with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Limited (**LOCOG**) who may be able to assist you on points 1, 2 and 4 for which they were responsible. LOCOG is the organisation that will be staging the Olympic and Paralympic Games (**the Games**) while ODA is responsible for building the infrastructure for the Games. As such you may wish to direct your enquiries directly to LOCOG. However, please note that LOCOG is a private company limited by guarantee and is not a public authority subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Parade (your point 3) was the responsibility of the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the British Olympic Association.

If you wish to re-direct your request to LOCOG you may contact them in writing either via email at [enquiries@london2012.com](mailto:enquiries@london2012.com) or by writing to

General enquiries  
London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games  
One Churchill Place  
Canary Wharf  
London  
E14 5LN

Freedom of Information requests to the GLA can be submitted via post, fax or e-mail using the below contact details:

The Public Liaison Unit  
Greater London Authority  
The Queen's Walk  
London SE1 2AA  
Fax: 020 7983 4057  
Email: [mayor@london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk)

In addition, bearing in mind our duty to advise and assist, you might wish to visit the relevant section on our website ([www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com)) dealing with the differences between the ODA and LOCOG, as this may be of interest to you.

<http://www.london2012.com/about/the-people-delivering-the-games/index.php>

We trust that the above is of assistance to you. However, if you are not satisfied with the response to your request and wish to make a complaint, you should write to The Information Officer, Olympic Delivery Authority, One Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5LN. Please state detailed grounds for your complaint.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaint procedure provided by the ODA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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