

Mr R Shorrock	19 November, 2008
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	Your ref: 3699-7ee395ea
	Our ref: FOI08-0062

Dear Mr Shorrock

**Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (the Act) which we received on 21 October, 2008.**

You requested a breakdown of expenditure incurred in providing corporate hospitality to members of the agency, partners, investors and clients during 2007\2008.

A definition of 'corporate hospitality' has been agreed by the RDA Network as:

- Any tickets and/or events which we pay for to take partners
- When an additional table is purchased at an event the Agency is sponsoring (free tables provided as part of a sponsorship deal are not included)

We are writing to advise that we do not provide 'corporate hospitality' in the usual sense of paying for clients or partners to attend sporting or entertainment events, nor do we actively seek opportunities to provide 'corporate hospitality'. We do from time to time pay for tickets or business events in order to take partners, or to purchase additional tables for partners at a business event the agency is sponsoring.

Unfortunately, while corporate events may include elements of corporate hospitality it would be extremely difficult to extract the level of detail you require within the statutory appropriate limit under the Act. In effect, the work involved would exceed the fees threshold, (18 hours at £25 per hour). As a consequence we are unable to provide the information requested.

If you have any queries about this letter or wish to appeal our decision, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

*Your rights under the Act include the right to complain if you are dissatisfied with our decision or with the way we have handled your request. Our Complaints procedure is therefore attached, for your information.*

*Further information about your rights under the Act is also available from the Information Commissioner (Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone: 01625 545700, fax: 01625 524510).*

Yours sincerely

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