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Mr. J. Watmough

c/o xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx

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Dear Mr Watmough

RFI20081320 - Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email of 23rd November 2008 requesting information about 'how much money the BBC makes annually from the sale of its (licence payers) programmes to UKTV Gold'. The reference number for your request is RFI20081320.

The information you requested is held by BBC Worldwide Limited ('BBC Worldwide'). As one of the BBC's commercial subsidiaries, BBC Worldwide is not covered by the Freedom of Information Act (Section 6(1)(b)(ii)) for information other than that which it holds on behalf of the BBC. The information you requested is not held by BBC Worldwide on behalf of the BBC.

However, by way of background, BBC Worldwide exists to maximize the BBC's assets for the benefit of the licence fee payer. BBC Worldwide's profits are delivered back to the BBC, supplementing the Corporation's licence fee funding. For further information please refer to the Annual Review for BBC Worldwide for the year ended 31 March 2008. The Annual Review can be found on the BBC Worldwide website at <http://www.bbcworldwide.com/> and hard copies are also available to any member of the public on request. This shows that in 2007/08, BBC Worldwide made sales of £916.3m overall, delivering almost £118m profit back to the BBC to be spent on new programming.

In addition, the BBC Worldwide statutory accounts are filed at Companies House in Cardiff and are available to the public.

Please also note that the TV Licence is a legal permission to install or use television receiving equipment to watch or record television programmes, as they are being shown on TV. The licence fee is not a payment for BBC services, although licence fee revenue is used to fund the BBC.



Appeal Rights

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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