



Information Rights

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Dear Elliot Riley

### **Freedom of Information request – RFI20200998**

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000:

*Please could you provide information of how many people who are employed by BBC who have formerly been under the employment of The Labour Party or Conservative Party?*

The Act does not require us to comply with a request if to do so would exceed the appropriate limit as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244). The appropriate limit has been set at £450 (equivalent to two and a half days work, at an hourly rate of £25). In order to respond in full to your request we estimate that to carry out this search would take BBC Staff more than two and a half days. As we would need to check all staff application forms to ascertain their previous employment history. Therefore, under section 12 of the Act, we are refusing to handle the request as it would exceed the appropriate limit.

The BBC adheres to high standards of objectivity, integrity, fairness and honesty with its relationship with the outside world. This is highlighted and reinforced in the BBC's Declaration of Personal Interests Policy which can be found in the following location:

[http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/foi/classes/policies\\_procedures/declaration\\_of\\_personal\\_interests\\_policy.pdf](http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/foi/classes/policies_procedures/declaration_of_personal_interests_policy.pdf)

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/insidethebbc/managementstructure/biographies/>

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### **Appeal Rights**

If you are not satisfied that we have complied with the Act in responding to your request, you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager or legal adviser. Please contact us at the address above, explaining what you would like us to review and including your reference number. A request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of receiving the BBC's response to your original request.

If you are not satisfied with the internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. The contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 0303 123 1113 or see <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

**BBC HR**