

d) *Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly*

at

i) *sporting events,*

ii) *concerts and other cultural events?*

I estimate that to deal with your request would take more than two and a half days; under section 12 of the Act, we are allowed to refuse to handle the request if it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been set by the Regulations (SI 2004/3244) as being £450 (equivalent to two and a half days work, at an hourly rate of £25).

Information about hospitality provided by teams within the Nations and Regions is not collated centrally by the BBC's Events team. Rather, it is held within each of those regional teams and departments, often by the head of department or regional head in the form of a "Travel and Duty" form. In order to find information about the amount spent on hospitality, it would be necessary to check each individual form to see whether it related to the information you have requested – this would amount to hundreds of forms. Even if we were able to achieve this within 2.5 days, it would not be possible to quantify the amount spent specifically on MPs, Welsh Assembly Members and Members of the Scottish Parliament. These people are generally invited to events involving a broader cross-section of community representatives and we do not hold information about the exact amount spent on entertaining specifically these people, as opposed to others who may also have been present at the event.

You may request an internal review of our decision that your request exceeds the appropriate limit. You can either email xxx@xxx.xx.xx or write to the above address. If you are not satisfied with the result of the internal review you then have the right to seek a further review from the Information Commissioner. Please see <http://www.ico.gov.uk> or contact the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545700 for details.

Yours sincerely,

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