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G Rooks

Via Email: request-175024-074aa0eb@whatdotheyknow.com

4 September 2013

Dear Mr Rooks,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – RFI20131272

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') of 01 September 2013, seeking:

Does The BBC have any contact with the Netherlands regarding taxes, or any other countries?

Has the BBC acted with the intent of circumventing tax loop holes concerning HM revenues at all?

The BBC is a prudent tax payer. It is required as a matter of regulation or business needs to operate through local subsidiaries, and it ensures it complies with local requirements. It has a non-trading Dutch subsidiary holding no commercial rights, which thus receives no revenues in respect of any rights. All revenues from program rights are paid by overseas customers or distributors directly to BBC companies in the UK, and all profits are subject to UK tax.

The BBC does not arrange its affairs with the intent of avoiding UK tax.

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. 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, telephone 01625 545 700 or see www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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