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Peter Jones
Via email: request-218952-9aeb022d@whatdotheyknow.com

25th July 2014

Dear Mr Jones

Request for Information – RFI20141080

Thank you for your request of 3rd July 2014 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') seeking the following information:

"I am making this request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The BBC has previously confirmed that it retains ownership of TV Licensing "detection equipment".

A TV Licensing "detector van", registration number VX09 VEK, was involved in a collision in the Stoke-on-Trent area in early March 2014. For the purposes of this request, I shall refer to this collision as the "incident".

The incident is shown in this video footage: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0aWs9cSHz8>

*A further explanation of the incident appears in this blog article:
<http://tv-licensing.blogspot.co.uk/2014/03/tv-licensing-detector-van-involved-in.html>*

Under the terms of the Act, please provide the following information:

- 1. The dates/times/venues/outcomes of any court hearings held in relation to this incident. This includes any future court hearings that the BBC is aware of.*
- 2. Any regulations that relate to the driving of BBC vehicles. In particular, I am seeking any information about the qualifications/experience needed to drive BBC vehicles.*
- 3. Any BBC/TV Licensing documents that mention the YouTube video and/or blog article mentioned above.*
- 4. Any information that relates to the damage sustained by the TV Licensing "detector van", registration number VX09 VEK, during this incident. This includes information that describes any such damage and the costs of repairing any such damage.*
- 5. Any other information held by the BBC/TV Licensing that mentions or alludes to this incident."*

Please note that "TV Licensing" is a trade mark used by companies contracted by the BBC to administer the collection of television licence fees and enforcement of the television licensing system. The majority of the administration of TV Licensing is contracted to Capita Business Services Ltd ('Capita'). Over-the-counter services are provided by PayPoint plc ('PayPoint') in the UK, and by the Post Office in the Isle of Man and

Channel Islands. Marketing and printing services are contracted to Proximity London Ltd. Media services are contracted to Mediaedge:CIA International Limited ("MEC"). The BBC is a public authority in respect of its television licensing functions and retains overall responsibility.

I can confirm under section 1(1) of the Act that the BBC does not hold relevant information that would enable us to answer your specific request. We have previously confirmed, in a response to a request under the Act, that Capita monitors YouTube in respect of third party videos involving the threat of harassment or bullying of TV Licensing enquiry officers captured in the footage; or where there are concerns about their health and safety. Whilst it is possible that Capita may hold recorded information relevant to your request, it is not held by Capita on behalf of the BBC.

The Act gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities (as defined in section 3 of the Act). Section 3(2)(a) of the Act says that, for the purposes of the Act, information is held by a public authority if it is held by the public authority themselves or if it is held by another person on behalf of the authority. Capita is not a public authority as defined by the Act therefore information it holds but which is not held on behalf of the BBC is not subject to the Act.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied that the BBC has 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 under the Act 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 SK9 5AF. Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate) or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>.

Kind regards

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