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Dear Hannah

Freedom of information request – RFI20171688

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”) dated 15th November 2017 requesting the following information:-

How much has the BBC spent on tea bags, coffee and milk each month in the past 3 years?

Under section 12 of the Act, we are not obliged to comply with a request for information if, in our estimation, compliance would exceed “the appropriate limit” - set under regulation 3(3) of Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (“the Regulations”) as being £450 (equivalent to two and a half days’ work, at an hourly rate of £25).

Catering services are provided by a third party provider and the level of detail requested is not held in a manner in which we could extrapolate within the fees limit of the Act.

You may be interested to know that there has been an ICO Decision Notice in relation to a similar request, which can be found at the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2016/1623805/fs50598278.pdf>

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 0303 123 1113 or see <https://ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely

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