



Information Rights

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Dear Karl,

Freedom of Information Request - RF120210614

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 13 April 2021 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'):

'Supply a count of the amount of freedom of information requests you have received since 01/01/2015.

How many of the above did you provide all of the information requested?

Provide a breakdown of all reasons information was withheld for the above FOI. (E.g. 12 not successful due to GDPR, 10 not successful due to the information being planned to be released)'

The BBC considers each FOI Request on a case by case basis and always in compliance with the legislation and relevant guidance. The BBC is only required to answer FOI requests where information is held for purposes *other than* 'journalism, art or literature' as per Part VI of Schedule 1 of the Act. Additionally where a request relates to our subsidiaries these requests are also not subject to the Act as per section 6(1)(b)(ii). However, where appropriate the BBC volunteers information outside the scope of the Act.

Please see the table below. Please note these figures include requests which fall both inside and outside the scope of the Act.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total number of FOI requests received	2237	2402	1949	2412	2097	2044
Of the total number of FOI requests received, number of FOI requests not subject to the Act	962	1084	943	1015	1139	1056

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Number of FOI requests in which information was fully disclosed, or fully volunteered if the request was out of scope of the Act	793	774	597	522	476	465
Number of FOI requests in which information was partially disclosed, or partially volunteered if the request was out of scope of the Act	385	367	330	314	418	391

Please note there are other reasons a request is recorded as closed such as the requester has withdrawn their request; the BBC needs clarification on the request or it's an invalid request under section 8 of the Act.

Below is a breakdown of exemptions applied to the requests in which the information was fully or partially withheld where the act applies.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Section 12 (fee limit)	189	259	174	208	176	136
Section 14 (vexatious or repeated)	29	112	28	410	73	77
Section 22 (future publication)	16	18	13	15	21	31
Section 24 (national security)	0	0	2	2	2	0
Section 27 (international relations)	0	1	0	0	0	0
Section 31 (law enforcement)	16	29	22	22	15	19
Section 36 (prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs)	2	3	1	1	2	4
Section 37 (Royal household)	0	1	0	0	0	0
Section 38 (health & safety)	3	2	0	4	0	2
Section 40 (personal information)	97	81	77	118	71	74
Section 41 (confidentiality)	3	1	0	0	2	1
Section 42 (legal professional privilege)	2	6	2	3	1	2
Section 43 (prejudice to commercial interests)	68	33	30	45	34	25

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

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