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Dear Elliott Riley,

Freedom of Information Request - RF120210662

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 20 April 2021 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'):

Please can I request all the correspondence between LGB Alliance and BBC between 2019 and 2021.

The Act does not require us to comply with a request if to do so would exceed the appropriate limit as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244). The appropriate limit has been set at £450 (equivalent to two and a half days work, at an hourly rate of £25). In order to respond in full to your request we would be required to search within all departments of the BBC for information relevant to your request. We estimate that to carry out this search would take BBC Staff more than two and a half days. Therefore, under section 12 of the Act, we are refusing to handle the request as it would exceed the appropriate limit.

We are mindful of our duty under section 16 of the Act to provide reasonable advice and assistance to you, and specifically to advise how you might narrow your request so that it complies with the time limit.

We would suggest narrowing the scope of your request to just one year as this would significantly reduce the amount of time required to perform the required searches. Further to this, it may assist us in performing these searches if your request was restricted to certain areas of the BBC, for example "*all correspondence between LGB Alliance and the BBC's HR department*", etc.

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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