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Dear Mr Wilmore,

### **Freedom of Information Request - RF120211498**

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 2 October seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'):

*'The lovely chaps who empty my rubbish bins every week wear a smart uniform and they look the part and obviously take a pride in their jobs and their appearance.*

*Conversely, Messrs Davie and Sharp, leaders of a multi-billion pound international organisation, wear T-shirts, open-neck shirts, jeans and trainers when making public appearances during their attempts to convince me that the BBC is a value-for-money, credible and trustworthy organisation. They always fail, of course. Indeed, they both appear in open-neck shirts in the latest BBC Annual Report.*

*Can you tell me, please, is there or has there ever been a formal dress code for the Director General and Chairman or are they left to their own devices and personal choices?*

*I note that when Davie appeared in front of government select committee recently he did dress in a manner appropriate to his position and the occasion, but in a recent appearance at the Royal Television Society the jeans, t-shirt and trainers were out again.'*

We are not aware of any guidance, historically or in the present day, on dress code for the Director-General or Chairman.

### **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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