



Information Rights

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Dear D Hardy,

Freedom of Information request – RFI20211544

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

“Can you please provide details of number of BBC staff, permanent or freelance who are affiliated to the World Economic Forum in any capacity.”

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 estimate that to carry out this search would take BBC Staff more than two and a half days. This is because we would need to manually search through BBC staff members’ ‘declaration of personal interest’ documents to confirm if anyone disclosed an affiliation to the World Economic Forum. Therefore, under section 12 of the Act, we are refusing to handle the request as it would exceed the appropriate limit.

As set out in section 6(1)(b)(ii) of the Act, our subsidiaries (including BBC Studioworks Limited, UKTV, BBC Global News Ltd and BBC Studios Ltd), as well as the charities BBC Media Action and BBC Children in Need, are not subject to the Act. As such, information relating to these entities is not considered in the above response.

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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