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Dear Hans,

### **Freedom of Information Request - RFI20191761**

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 2 November 2011 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'):

*"I would like to request the BBC's "approved agencies list" (of those agencies used by the BBC for procuring supporting artists and walk-ons for use in BBC productions)."*

The BBC does not hold a list of agencies approved for the supply of supporting artists and walk-ons for use in BBC productions.

The BBC does, however, have a 'Code of Conduct' ('the Code') which we ask agencies who supply supporting artists and walk-ons to sign. The Code has been compiled to clearly define the obligations of supporting artists and walk-ons, their Agents, the programme producer and the BBC. Agents who agree to the Code are listed on the BBC's intranet site for productions although being listed does not guarantee any volume of work to the agency. If the Agent fails to comply with the Code the BBC reserves the right to remove the Agent from the list. These are not considered 'approved suppliers' and not being on the list does not preclude an organisation or Agent from working with the BBC.

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. Therefore information regarding their activities is also not subject to the Act and has not been included in this 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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