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Via email: [request-222675-c9226675@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-222675-c9226675@whatdotheyknow.com)

31<sup>st</sup> July 2014

Dear Mr Priestley,

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – [RFI20141237]**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 seeking:

*“Do the government control what you broadcast and is your reporting censored”*

Our editorial guidelines, found via the link below explain the BBC's independence from the government and censorship.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/editorialguidelines/>

Most notably, in Section I: Editorial Values (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/editorialguidelines/guidelines/>) we state:

“The BBC is independent of outside interests and arrangements that could undermine our editorial integrity. Our audiences should be confident that our decisions are not influenced by outside interests, political or commercial pressures, or any personal interests.

Impartiality lies at the core of the BBC's commitment to its audiences. We will apply due impartiality to all our subject matter and will reflect a breadth and diversity of opinion across our output as a whole, over an appropriate period, so that no significant strand of thought is knowingly unreflected or under-represented. We will be fair and open-minded when examining evidence and weighing material facts.”

I hope this satisfies your request

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. 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 SK9 5AF. Telephone 01625 545 745 or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

The Information Policy and Compliance Team

