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Mr S Moran

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Dear Mr Moran

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – RFI20140403

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') dated 8th March 2014, seeking:

Under the Freedom of Information Act please provide the following information for each of the last ten years:

- 1. How much has the BBC spent on hotel expenses for staff in each year?*
- 2. What was the cost of the fifty most expensive hotel rooms in each year? And please name each hotel individually.*

Please provide these figures and information for each of the last ten years broken down by year.

The data you have requested is not recorded by the BBC in a way that makes it easily accessible to gather the cost of hotel rooms and in order to provide a response to your questions, it would require manually interrogating approximately 800 lines of data. In addition prior to the financial year 2008/09 the data collected from hotel providers was not provided in a standardised way. I therefore estimate that to deal with your request would take more than two and a half days; under section 12 of the Act, we are allowed to refuse to handle the request if it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been set by the Regulations (SI 2004/3244) as being £450 (equivalent to two and a half days work, at an hourly rate of £25).

If you would like to submit a narrowed request, we would be happy to consider it. For example you may consider narrowing your request to three financial years instead of the ten years in your original request and to the ten most expensive hotel rooms for each of those three years instead of the 50 fifty most expensive.

You may request an internal review of our decision that your request exceeds the appropriate limit. 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, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545 700 or see www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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