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Dear Mr Ko

Freedom of Information Request - RFI20162284

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) received on 5th December 2016, seeking the following information:

How many staff did BBC News employ in total on 1 December 2016?

How many staff did BBC News employ on that date who have each of the following word(s) in their job title?

- "producer" or "journalist"
- "editor"
- "executive"
- "strategy" or "strategic"
- "deputy" or "assistant"
- "manager" or "managing"
- "director"
- "controller"
- "coordinating" or "coordinator" or "coordination"
- "change"
- "business"
- "analyst"
- "head"
- "digital"
- "special" or "specials"

In response to your request and in answer to question 1 there are currently 6430 people employed in BBC News on permanent and fixed term contracts as at 1st December 2016.

The table below shows a count of how many employees have your requested key words in their job titles either in part or full.

Title	Count
"producer" or "journalist"	3367
"editor"	680
"executive"	11
"strategy" or "strategic"	0
"analyst"	16
"business"	28
"deputy" or "assistant"	738
"manager" or "managing"	239
"director"	175
"controller"	14
"coordinating" or "coordinator" or "coordination"	19
"change"	8
"head"	32
"digital"	40
"special" or "specials"	26

Please note that individual job titles may appear in more than one category e.g. Deputy Manager, therefore the figures do not relate to the number of unique individuals/job titles. Furthermore, Executive could include Executive Producer, Executive Assistant, Manager could include Studio Manager etc.

Please note that, as set out in section 6(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act, our subsidiaries (including BBC Studios & Post Production Ltd, UKTV, BBC Global News Ltd and BBC Worldwide Ltd), as well as the charities BBC Media Action and BBC Children in Need, are not subject to the Act, therefore information for their personnel is not included in the figures quoted above.

I hope this response satisfies your request.

If you plan to publish or broadcast a story using the information provided in this response, please include the following statement from the BBC;

A BBC spokesman said: "We are looking to save £50million by making the BBC simpler and leaner, this includes reducing the number of job titles and management layers across the organisation. In some places there were as many as ten layers of management and this is now down to eight and will be cut to a maximum of seven."

You may also be interested in the following press release that refers to job layers:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2015/bbc-savings>

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate) or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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