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Dear Mr Langely,

Freedom of Information Request - RF120230178

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 08 February 2023 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'):

Since the war, it is my understanding that the BBC have increased its workforce for the Ukrainian service for the BBC (BBC News Україна). Can you provide the amount of employees the Ukrainian service of the BBC had in 2021 and also in 2022?

Can you also provide the amount of employees the Russian service of the BBC (BBC News Русская служба) had in 2021 and 2022?

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

The table below shows the total number of staff employed in the BBC News Russian and BBC News Ukrainian services in 2021 and 2022.

	2021	2022
BBC News Russian	146	146
BBC News Ukrainian	32	40

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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