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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: INCOME TAX CONCESSIONS FOR OLYMPIC BROADCASTERS

Thank you for your enquiry dated 6 April. I am treating your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for information covering what assessment has been made of:

- *the cost to the Treasury of the income tax concession for non-UK resident broadcasters covering the 2012 games (by which we understand you to mean the London Olympics and Paralympics);*
- *the number of non-UK resident broadcasters expected to be eligible and*
- *the number of non-UK broadcasters expected to take advantage of the concession.*

Additionally you asked whether there is any upper income limit at which the concession will be withdrawn.

The cost to the Treasury of the income tax concession for non-UK resident broadcasters has been assessed as zero. The concessions granted were a condition of the bid. In the event of their not being granted, London would not have won the right to host the Games, and there would have been no non-UK resident broadcasters earning income on which UK tax could have been levied.

There has therefore been no need for Treasury to assess the number of non-UK broadcasters who might be eligible or who would choose to take advantage, and we have made no such assessment.

There is no upper income limit at which the concession will be withdrawn.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

