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7<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Mr. Turner

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – RF120141988**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014 seeking the following information:

*“1/ can you tell me how many people are employed at the bbc relateing to the weather reading  
2/ can you tell me how many weather presenters are on maternity leave on full pay”*

The number of staff currently employed by the BBC for Nations, Regions and Network coverage is approximately 35. However, this figure does not include part time, freelancers or those staff who are covering other areas (e.g. news) but occasionally also cover weather.

We are withholding information regarding the number of presenters on maternity leave on full pay under section 40(2) (personal information) of the Act. Under section 40(2) of the Act, personal information about identifiable living individuals is exempt if disclosure to a third party would breach one or more principles in the Data Protection Act 1998. The individuals concerned would not expect their personal data to be disclosed to a third party. To do so would be unfair; therefore, disclosure would breach the First Data Protection Principle (fair and lawful processing).

## **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, 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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