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Dear A Wilmore,

Freedom of Information Request - RFI20211731

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 23 November 2021 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'):

Thank you. That was exactly the response I was expecting.

Looking again at your original response to my FOI request (<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/801404/response/1913823/attach/4/RFI20211597%20Reply.pdf>) I note the use of the BBC blocks at the top of the first page you supplied to me. I think they are the old design (I cannot tell the difference), but they will no doubt be updated to the new design in due course as their use spreads across BBC output as a whole, including your FOI request replies.

FOI requests are definitely not "journalism, art or literature".

So I ask again: Excluding their use for journalism, art or literature, I am particularly interested in whether the design change was as a result of a survey (full details please, including sample size, date, geographic location, full results, cost, etc.) or whether "audiences" (how many people?) felt for whatever reason that their unsolicited views should be expressed and, accordingly, acted upon.

Under section 14(2) of the Act, we are not required to respond to repeat requests. The Information Commissioner's guidance with respect to repeat requests states that where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person.

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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