



Information Rights

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Dear Mr Bradley,

**Freedom of Information request – RFI20200469**

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000:

*How many staff have been furloughed under the governments JRS?*

*Have executives & highly paid celebrity presenters (who are not journalists) agreed to any salary deferral/ reduction?*

We have understood your request to pertain to the Government Job Retention Scheme as publicised in the following location:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

In response to your first request BBC Public Service Broadcasting (PSB) is not eligible for the government scheme and therefore we do not hold the information requested.

In response to your second request, any information that we would hold in regards to individuals decisions to defer or reduce salaries would be covered under section 40(2) of the act. Under section 40(2), personal information about identifiable living individuals is exempt if disclosure to a third party would breach one or more principles in the General Data Protection Regulation. The individual(s) concerned would not expect their personal data to be disclosed to a third party. Therefore, disclosure would breach the principle to only process personal data lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.

As set out in section 6(1)(b)(ii) of the Act, our subsidiaries (including BBC Studioworks Limited, UKTV, BBC Global News Ltd and BBC Studios Ltd), as well as the charities BBC Media Action and BBC Children in Need, are not subject to the Act. As such, information relating to these entities is not considered in the above response.

### **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,

**BBC HR**