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Gary Cook

Via email: request-471815-a8826c9c@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Cook

Freedom of Information request – RFI20180483

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') dated 17 March 2018 seeking:

1. Does this website have permission to stream and monetise BBC TV?
<https://tvplayer.com/>
2. Do they give the BBC any money?
3. Seems a bit weird that we have to pay a license if they are allowed to profit from it without contributing to the creation of the content.

Response

Questions 1

Under section 1(1) of the Act the BBC can confirm that we hold the information that you have requested. However, we consider this information to be exempt from disclosure under section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

We consider that the release of information relating to whether the website <https://tvplayer.com/> has permission to stream and monetise BBC TV would prejudice ongoing legal discussions at the BBC and therefore we cannot comment on this at the moment.

As section 31 is a qualified exemption, the BBC is required by section 2(2) of the Act to consider the public interest factors in this case. Specifically, we looked at whether in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

In favour of disclosure, we understand that there may be a public interest in detailing whether tvplayer.com has permission to stream and monetise BBC TV to the public. However the

disclosure of information relating to this could affect and prejudice ongoing legal discussions at the BBC.

Questions 2 and 3

TV Player does not give the BBC any money and state that there is no revenue associated with the BBC channels or content, including subscription and advertising.

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 SK9 5AF. Telephone 01625 545 745 or see <https://ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,

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