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Dear Mr Willis

Freedom of Information Request - RF120120707

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) received on 01 July, seeking the following information:

1. How many staff work in the FOI department of the BBC either full or part time

Freedom of Information Act requests received by the BBC are managed by the Information Policy and Compliance Department (IPC). This department has a number of other responsibilities including managing the BBC's compliance to the Data Protection Act and staff in IPC work across both pieces of legislation. When fully staffed the IPC team consists of 12 members of staff.

2. The average time taken for completion of FOI requests

The BBC does not record the average time taken to respond to FOI requests, however it closely monitors the response times to establish how many requests are responded to within the statutory timeframe. For the year 2011/12 (April 2011 – March 2012) the BBC responded to 87% of FOIA requests in the statutory or permitted s.10 timeframe.

3. The number of enforcement notices that have been issued to the BBC FOI department by the ICO in the past year

The BBC FOI has received no enforcement notices from the Information Commissioners Office in the past year. You may also be interested to know that the BBC has received no enforcement notices from the ICO since the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act in 2005,

4. The number of outstanding FOI requests that have yet to be fulfilled and have fallen outside the 30 day requirement

In order to respond to this question I assume you mean the 20 working days set out under the terms of the Act rather than 'the 30 day requirement'. As of today's date, I can confirm that the BBC currently has a total of 14 requests that have gone beyond the 20 working days set out in the Act and have not been legitimately extended under s.10 of the Act.

I hope you find this information useful.

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, telephone 01625 545 700 or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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