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Robert John Park

Via email: request-818395-c61e5f95@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Park

Freedom of Information request – RF120211998

Thank you for your requests to the BBC of 25 December seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000:

‘Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request for the BBC and it’s subsidiaries that you are the controlling party:

- *the amount claimed under the “furlough scheme” (coronavirus job retention scheme)*
- *the number of employees on the furlough scheme*

The dates for this are from 01 March 2020 until 01 November 2021 for the period of claims related and submitted to Her Majesty’s Revenue’

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 request BBC Public Service Broadcasting (PSB) was not eligible for the government scheme and therefore no BBC public service broadcasting staff were furloughed during the pandemic.

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,

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