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Dear Mr Stuart McNeal,

### **Freedom of Information request – RFI20211237**

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 2 July 2021 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act');

*I am requesting documents for the official registration and costing for Holby City.*

*I am also requesting Information on how The BBC made the choice to cancel Holby City.*

*I am also requesting any documentation that shows how The BBC made that choice to cancel the show.*

*Considering in the last 3 weeks the show has had new credits, new members of cast and new music and the fact BBC Studios won the contract which was up for offer in 2017. There seems to be a lot of money being chucked at a program that is being cancelled. I think a full reason is needed rather than the reason "we want more up north drama" which is not a valid reason for the cancellation of the show. After all we pay for The BBC do we not.*

*The argument back could be why spend 87 million so far (20 million) over budget on a new EastEnders set that has moved 300 meters north.*

*Therefore you have more up north dramas.*

*The EastEnders set was meant to be moving to Manchester yet you never did. I therefore request information re holby city.*

Holby City is produced by BBC Studios.

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Yours sincerely,

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