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Stephen Crabb

By email to [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxmx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxmx)

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Dear Mr Crabb

### **Freedom of Information request – RFI20080773**

Thank you for your email of 15 July 2008, in which you requested the following information:

*Please list all MPs, Members of the Welsh Assembly, Members of the Scottish Parliament and Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly who attended sporting, musical or other cultural events courtesy of the BBC during the last financial year and the number of event each attended.*

I estimate that to deal with your request would take more than two and a half days; under section 12 of the Act, we are allowed to refuse to handle the request if it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been set by the Regulations (SI 2004/3244) as being £450 (equivalent to two and a half days work, at an hourly rate of £25).

Information about individuals invited to sporting, musical or other cultural events by teams within the Nations and Regions is not collated centrally by the BBC's Events team. Rather, it would be held within each of those regional teams and departments. In order to identify the individuals who attended each event, it would be necessary to contact each individual within those regional teams and departments to identify any MPs, Assembly Members or Members of the Scottish Parliament who they had invited to and had attended a sporting, musical or other cultural event. To do this would take more than 2.5 days.

You may request an internal review of our decision that your request exceeds the appropriate limit. You can either email [xxx@xxx.xx.x](mailto:xxx@xxx.xx.x) or write to the above address. If you are not satisfied with the result of the internal review you then have the right to seek a further review from the Information Commissioner. Please see <http://www.ico.gov.uk> or contact the Information



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Yours sincerely,

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