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Simeon Jones

Via email: request-217459-616e41ee@whatdotheyknow.com

24th June 2014

Dear Mr. Jones,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – RFI20140982

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 22nd June 2014, seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

“Can you please disclose all instructions relating to the broadcast of the #notoausterity march that occurred on Saturday 21/6/2014, and the instructions and decisions against news coverage of this event.

This is to cover all instructions from inside the corporation and from external sources and organisations..”

The information you have requested is excluded from the Act because it is held for the purposes of ‘journalism, art or literature.’ The BBC is therefore not obliged to provide this information to you and will not be doing so on this occasion. Part VI of Schedule 1 to FOIA provides that information held by the BBC and the other public service broadcasters is only covered by the Act if it is held for ‘purposes *other* than those of journalism, art or literature’. The BBC is not required to supply information held for the purposes of creating the BBC’s output or information that supports and is closely associated with these creative activities.¹

Appeal Rights

The BBC does not offer an internal review when the information requested is not covered by the Act. If you disagree with our decision you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. The

¹ For more information about how the Act applies to the BBC please see the enclosure which follows this letter. Please note that this guidance is not intended to be a comprehensive legal interpretation of how the Act applies to the BBC.

contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF. Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate) or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>.

Please note that should the Information Commissioner's Office decide that the Act does cover this information, exemptions under the Act might then apply.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Groves
BBC News Division

