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Mr Michael White
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14th April 2015

Dear Mr White

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – RF120150432

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') of 17th March 2015 seeking:

I would like to request a complete list of suppliers that have been used over the past year when procuring furniture and the total spend on this during the past financial year.

Interserve FM, the BBC's UK facilities management service provider, is acting as a representative in placing furniture purchase orders on behalf of BBC Workplace. This is part of a strategic change to improve the Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment (FFF&E) service provision to the BBC.

This is part of wider BBC plans to increase the space it uses in its buildings so it can operate within a smaller and more modern property estate that is fit for 24 hour broadcast in a digital age without increasing costs to the licence fee payer. The BBC has disposed of 59 buildings, or 25 football pitches worth floor space, and expects to make savings of £67 million a year.

Prior to January 2015, the BBC preferred furniture suppliers were:

- Herman Miller
- Phusei Ltd
- Bridgend office Furniture
- Metric Office Furniture

Interserve have stated that the total furniture spend from April 2014 to April 2015 is £366,366.79. Please note, this figure is for invoices only.

Appeal Rights

You may request an internal review of our decision that your request exceeds the appropriate limit. 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 www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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BBC Workplace and Safety

