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Dear Mr Heale,

Thank you for your email of 1 March in which you made the following request for information:

- 1. Why has the Department dropped the requirement of radio stations to provide at least seven hours of locally made programmes per day?**
- 2. What are the job and training implications of this decision for people who want to work as presenters, production staff, technicians and other roles within radio?**
- 3. How many jobs and training opportunities are likely to be lost as a result of the decision?**
- 4. Who made the decision to drop the "seven hour" requirement and when was the decision made?**

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) does not have information within scope of your request.

I should clarify that the decision to change the requirement for radio stations to provide seven hours of locally made programmes per day, was made by Ofcom following a consultation that took place between June and November 2018. Therefore, you may wish to direct your request to them.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Complaints and comments

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: foi@culture.gov.uk. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.

