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18<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Dear Mr Day,

**Request for Information – RFI20090459**

Thank you for your request of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 seeking the following information:

*Can you please let me know whether the BBC holds regular meetings with the National Trust to discuss future programming content.. And if so, whether you can please send me copies of the minutes of the meetings for the last 12 months?*

The information you requested is not covered by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”).

Your request falls outside the scope of the Act because the BBC and the other public service broadcasters are covered by the Act only in respect of information held for purposes “other than those of journalism, art or literature” (see Schedule 1, Part VI of the Act). We are not therefore obliged 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.

In addition, even if the information were covered by the Act it is likely that it would be exempt under section 12 of the Act because I estimate that to search for and locate the information to respond to your request would take more than two and a half days. This is because in order to find the information we would need to contact all programming departments across multiple divisions of the BBC to ask them if they held meetings with the National Trust to discuss future programming content. 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).



For more information about how the Act applies to the BBC please see [www.bbc.co.uk/foi](http://www.bbc.co.uk/foi). Please note that this guidance is not intended to be a comprehensive legal interpretation of how the Act applies to the BBC.

The BBC makes a huge range of information available about our programmes and content on [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk). We also proactively publish information covered by the Act on our publication scheme and regularly handle requests for information under the Act.

#### 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. Contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF telephone 01625 545 700. <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Kind Regards

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