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Dear Ms Braithwaite,

Freedom of Information request – RFI20201315

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 27 August 2020 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'),

'Please provide the figures for all monies received by the BBC from (a) The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, (b) GAVI, and (c) The World Health Organisation for each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and so far in 2020.'

The BBC is funded through the licence fee and may only take funding for content from limited exceptions that conform to Clause 49 of the BBC Framework Agreement.

However, we can confirm that the Gates Foundation have provided funding to BBC Media Action. BBC Media Action is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. As an independent charity, it receives funding from institutions, foundations, corporate and individual donors to carry out life-saving and life-changing work. It does not receive any Licence Fee funding. BBC Media Action's accounts are publicly available at Companies House, the Charities Commission and on our website. You will also find information about how the work is funded at the following link:

<http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/mediaaction/annualreports/2018-19.pdf>.

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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, Tel: 0303 123 1113 or see <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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