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Dear Mr Roskell

Freedom of Information request – RFI20160889

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') 21 April 2016 seeking:

"I would like to know the quantity, by title, of copies of each national newspaper purchased by the BBC in the most recent year for which figures are available. (Hopefully for the last financial year 2015/16, if the data is available)"

For the purposes of this FOI request, please note:

- The BBC's commercial subsidiaries are not subject to the Act (see section 6(1)(b)(ii) of the Act) and therefore, their data has not been included in the information disclosed.
- Information relating to the purchase of newspapers for programme-making purposes is excluded from the Act because it is held for the purposes of 'journalism, art or literature'. However, as it would be difficult for us to separate out this information from the non-programme related spend, we are happy to include this in the overall figures.

Due to the size of these operations, newspaper deliveries to BBC buildings for the relevant periods, for national newspapers were, for the most part, made via the BBC's managed service arrangement. Outside of this arrangement newspapers may have been delivered to BBC buildings by local newsagents. We do not hold a central record of any deliveries made by local newsagents and we would therefore need to contact all BBC offices and departments to establish whether there were any local arrangements. I estimate that to locate this information would take more than two and a half days; 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).

Please find in the tables below the information which we are able to provide via the BBC's managed service arrangement.

2015 Calendar Year

Publication	Type	Quantity
Daily Express	Dailies	36948
Daily Mail	Dailies	68553
Daily Mirror	Dailies	56678
Daily Star	Dailies	16422
Daily Telegraph	Dailies	69627
Financial Times	Dailies	38106
Guardian	Dailies	75114
Sun	Dailies	59961
The Independent	Dailies	57615
Times	Dailies	73596
Daily Star Sunday	Sundays	1602
Independent On Sunday	Sundays	5716
Mail On Sunday	Sundays	6993
Observer	Sundays	7145
Sun on Sunday	Sundays	4588
Sunday Express	Sundays	4214
Sunday Mirror	Sundays	5492
Sunday Sport	Sundays	54
Sunday Telegraph	Sundays	6820
Sunday Times	Sundays	8653
The People	Sundays	2807

If you plan to publish or broadcast a story using the information provided in this response please include the following statement from the BBC.

A BBC spokesman said:

“As an impartial international news broadcaster with 3 rolling TV news channels, 28 foreign language services, daily paper reviews as well as various radio and TV current affairs programmes our viewers rightly expect our presenters, journalists and expert contributors to be across all the day's stories in all the UK newspapers.

“The BBC has secured a discount through its service contract ensuring value for money.”

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied that we have complied with the Act in responding to your request, you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager or legal adviser. 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 SK9 5AF. Telephone 01625 545 745 or see <http://www.ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,

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