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Alan Kennett request-680790-ebc1c311@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Kennett,

Thank you for your email of 21 September in which you made the following refined request for information:

I would therefore like to reduce the scope of my request to only include press releases from any of the ministers that relate my original request and clarification.

I understand that the BBC is an independent organisation funded by the licence fee. The 'support' I refer to in my request is therefore not financial support but written support or transcripts of verbal support on the subject. I anticipate that this could be statements by Ministers or MPs in Parliament, press releases, answers to questions during press conferences or speeches by ministers.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the department holds no information within scope of your request. This is because none of the department's ministers have made any press releases on the BBC licence fee change

However, more generally, you may wish to be aware any ministerial press releases can be found on <u>gov.uk</u>. Statements made in parliament are found on the <u>parliament.uk</u> website.

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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: <a href="mailto:foi@dcms.gov.uk">foi@dcms.gov.uk</a>. 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.



