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Dear Mr Tully

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – RFI20171435

Thank you for your request of 27th September 2017 for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act'):

“Tickets received by the BBC for sporting events for the period October 1st 2016 to September 30th 2017. (e.g. Wimbledon 12, FA Cup final 12) recipients by job title. (e.g. camera person - 12, Director 12)”

We have now processed your request and I can confirm that under section 1(1) of the Act, we confirm that we hold some of the information you have requested. As you are aware, it is normal business practice for broadcast rights holders to be provided with complimentary tickets to sports events. I can confirm that BBC Sport receives such tickets as part of some of its rights deals.

BBC Sport utilises some of the tickets it receives from rights holders for production purposes. Where BBC Sport uses tickets for production purposes, the information is excluded from the Act because it is held for the purposes of 'journalism, art or literature'. Part VI of Schedule 1 of the Act provides that information held by the BBC and the other public service broadcasters is only covered by the Act if it is held for "purposes other than those of journalism, art or literature". The BBC is not required by the Act 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.

BBC Sport holds the following information on the allocation of the complimentary tickets it receives to sporting events. We do not retain records of the job titles of recipients.

October 2016

American Football: NFL matches in London

60 tickets across 3 separate matches

November 2016

Tennis: ATP Finals

58 tickets across 7 days/10 separate sessions

International Football

4 tickets for England v Scotland

November 2016 / December 2017

Rugby: Autumn Internationals

86 tickets across 11 different matches

December 2016

Equestrian: Olympia Horse Show

4 tickets across 2 days

February 2017

Athletics: Indoor Grand Prix

8 tickets for the weekend-long event

February / March 2017

Rugby: Six Nations

66 tickets across 12 different matches

April 2017

Football: FA Cup

22 tickets across 2 semi-finals and the final

May 2017

Cricket: One Day International

4 tickets for England v Ireland

Rugby: Old Mutual Wealth Cup

4 tickets for England v Barbarians

June 2017

Tennis: Queens

28 tickets across 7 days of play

June / July 2017

Tennis: Eastbourne

15 tickets across 6 days of play

July 2017

Tennis: Wimbledon

414 tickets across 13 days of play

Athletics: Anniversary Games

8 tickets for the weekend-long event

Cricket: Test Matches

30 tickets across 9 days of play

August 2017

Athletics: Grand Prix

4 tickets for the event

Cricket: Test Matches

22 tickets across 7 days of play

Football: FA Community Shield

9 tickets for the match

September 2017

Cricket: Test Matches

14 tickets across 5 days of play

Appeal Rights

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Yours sincerely

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