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Dear Mr Haines

Request for Information – RFI20191222

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 20th July 2019 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') seeking the following information:

“Has "Tv licence" vehicle detector evidence been produced in a court of law in the uk to secure a prosecution?”

Please note that “TV Licensing” is a trade mark used by companies contracted by the BBC to administer the collection of television licence fees and enforcement of the television licensing system. The majority of the administration of TV Licensing is contracted to Capita Business Services Ltd ('Capita'). Over-the-counter services are provided by PayPoint plc ('PayPoint') in the UK, and by the Post Office in the Isle of Man and Channel Islands. Target Group ('Target') is the supplier for the Simple Payment Plan trial. Marketing and printing services are contracted to Proximity London Ltd. Media services are contracted to Media Planning Limited trading as Havas Media UK. The BBC is a public authority in respect of its television licensing functions and retains overall responsibility.

Please be advised that the Act gives a general right of access to all types of recorded information held by public authorities; and we are not required to create new information to respond to a request, or give a judgement or opinion that is not already recorded.

This is a query rather than a request for recorded information and therefore falls outside the scope of the Act. To be helpful, I can tell you that information relevant to these query is readily available on the TV Licensing website at <https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/about/foi-administering-the-licence-fee-AB20> under the heading “How many people have been convicted of not having a valid TV Licence based on evidence obtained from using detection equipment?”.

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. A request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of receiving the BBC's response to your original request.

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/>.

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Yours sincerely

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