



Information Rights

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Dear Frankie Pryce,

**Freedom of Information request – RFI20221385**

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000:

*“Can you tell the British people and myself how many of your staff are wef members or affiliated to them.”*

We have understood your request to pertain to how many BBC employees are members or affiliated to the World Economic Forum.

In response to your request, in order to respond in full to your request we estimate that to carry out this search would take BBC Staff more than two and a half days. Individual declarations of personal interests (DOPI) are kept on individual files. In order to provide you with the information you have requested we would have to search c.17,738 files. 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).

However information regarding declarations of our senior leaders and executive committee can be found in the following location:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/whoweare/>

Additionally the BBC also publishes an external event register for events undertaken by on-air staff in journalism and senior leaders. This can be found in the following location:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/reports/externaleventsregister/>

Further information regarding BBC Declaration of Personal Interest Policy can be found in the following location:

[https://downloads.bbc.co.uk/foi/classes/policies\\_procedures/declaration-of-personal-interests-policy.pdf](https://downloads.bbc.co.uk/foi/classes/policies_procedures/declaration-of-personal-interests-policy.pdf)

As set out in section 6(1)(b)(ii) of the Act, our subsidiaries (including BBC Studioworks Limited, UKTV, BBC Global News Ltd and BBC Studios Ltd), as well as the charities BBC Media Action and BBC Children in Need, are not subject to the Act. As such, information relating to these entities is not considered in the above response.

### **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/>.

Yours sincerely,

**BBC HR**