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Dear

**Freedom of information request – RFI20080072**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”) dated 21 January 2008. You asked for the following information:

*“Please could you provide me with the information you will be disclosing subsequent to the ruling of the Information Commissioner in FS50085710 dated 8/1/2008 as well as a copy of the information you supplied to the applicant in the request prior to the Information Commissioner’s ruling.”*

I have attached a copy of our original response to the request, and our response following the Information Commissioner’s decision. The name of the requester has been redacted.

*Appeal Rights*

If you are not satisfied with this response 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, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545 700 or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Act Request: RFI 2005000485- RFI 2005000490**

Thank you for your email of 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2005. Our response to each of your information requests is detailed below:

**Presenters' and Staff Salaries**

RFI2005000485

The BBC is withholding information about presenters' salaries on the basis that such information is not covered by the Act. The BBC, Channel 4 and S4C are covered by this legislation only in respect of information held for purposes "other than journalism, art or literature". It will not therefore, supply information which is held for the purposes of creating the BBC's output, or that supports and/or is closely associated with these creative activities. Information which is not subject to disclosure under the Act because of the derogation may otherwise be exempt from disclosure because of the application of other provisions of the Act. The BBC is also withholding the name and salary of the highest paid member of staff and the remuneration received by its programme producers in current affairs, light entertainment, news and sport under section 40 of the Act because disclosure would breach the First Principle (fairness) of the Data Protection Act. The BBC does, however, publish the salaries of its Board of Governors and Executive Board in its Annual Report and Accounts. Salary information for the last financial year (04/05) will be included in the forthcoming Report which is scheduled for publication in mid-July 05.

**BBCNI Taxi Expenditure in 04/05**

RFI2005000486

The taxi expenditure incurred by the following BBCNI Departments - Controller's Office, Accountability, Corporate and Public Affairs, Finance, Business and Administration, and Marketing, Communications and Audiences - in the financial year 04/05 was £4465. Expenditure by these Departments has been calculated on the basis of expenses claims and centrally administered taxi bookings. It is not possible to provide information about travel expenditure incurred by journalists, production staff or programme presenters in the course of their work as these figures are not covered by the Act.

**BBCNI Hospitality Costs in 04/05**

RFI2005000487

The external hospitality costs incurred by the following BBCNI Departments - Controller's Office, Accountability, Corporate and Public Affairs, Finance, Business and Administration, and Marketing, Communications and Audiences - in the financial year 04/05 was £23,821. These figures include the catering, food and related costs associated with 56 public meetings and events organised by Accountability, Corporate and Public Affairs and the work of the BBC's advisory bodies within the region. Details of Departmental expenditure are listed below. It is not possible to provide information about the hospitality costs incurred by output-related Departments as these are not covered by the Act which applies to the BBC (and other designated PSBs) only in respect of information held for purposes "other than journalism, art or literature".



**BBCNI External Hospitality Costs in 04/05**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Accountability & Corporate Affairs	21,444
Controller, BBCNI	2,222
Finance	0
Marketing	20
Press Office	135
Personnel	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,821</b>

**Controller's Salary, Travel and Accommodation Costs**

RFI2005000489

The BBC is withholding the salary details of Anna Carragher, Controller, BBCNI, under section 40 of the FOIA on the basis that the disclosure of such information would breach the First Principle (fairness) of the Data Protection Act. The BBC does, however, publish the salaries of its Board of Governors and Executive Board in its Annual report and Accounts. Salary information for the last financial year (04/05) will be included in the forthcoming report which is scheduled for publication in mid-July 05.

The airline, taxi and train expenditure incurred by the Controller's office in 04/05 was £21,649 and included travel to BBC premises and related events in London, Bristol, Glasgow and Edinburgh. The Controller made 51 return plane journeys in 04/05. A listing of travel destinations is attached. Accommodation costs incurred by the Controller in 04/05 were £1,404.

**Airline Journeys and Destinations - BBCNI Controller 04/05**

<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>
FLIGHT	20041122	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041201	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041208	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041211	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050106	BELFAST HARBOUR (RTN DESTINATION)
FLIGHT	20050112	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050119	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050117	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050207	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050209	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050212	EDINBURGH
FLIGHT	20050225	GLASGOW
FLIGHT	20050213	BELFAST (RTN DESTINATION)
FLIGHT	20050216	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050319	BHD/BRISTOL
FLIGHT	20050223	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050309	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20050314	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040405	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040329	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040401	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040414	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040512	LONDON
FLIGHT	20040505	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040507	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP

FLIGHT	20040526	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040602	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040610	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040615	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040622	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040628	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040715	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040827	EDINBURGH
FLIGHT	20040829	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040907	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040902	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040927	BELFAST HARBOUR (RTN DESTINATION)
FLIGHT	20040924	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040913	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041004	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041001	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041011	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041025	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041027	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041103	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041109	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041117	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20041123	BELFAST HARBOUR (RTN DESTINATION)
FLIGHT	20041122	BRISTOL
FLIGHT	20040706	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP
FLIGHT	20040722	LONDON-HEATHROW AIRP

**BBCNI Payments in respect of private car parking, fitness or health clubs**

RFI2005000491

BBCNI does not, as a matter of policy, make payments to its management, staff or external bodies in respect of private car parking, fitness or health clubs.

**BBCNI Payments to Guests on The John Daly Show in 04/05**

RFI2005000488

The BBC is withholding information about payments to guests on the John Daly Show, including the travel and accommodation costs incurred by contributors to this programme, on the basis that such information is not covered by the Act. It should be noted that information which is not subject to disclosure because of the Freedom of Information Act's derogation as it applies to the BBC (and other designated PSBs), may otherwise be withheld because of the application of other provisions of the Act.

**BBCNI Expenditure on make-up costs for staff, presenters and contributors in 04/05**

RFI2005000492

The BBC is withholding the costs of applying make-up to staff, presenters and other contributors and details of any clothing allowance received by staff or presenters appearing in BBCNI television programmes in 04/05 on the basis that such information is not covered by the Act for the reasons detailed above.

## **BBCNI Expenditure on News Programmes in 02/03 and 05/06**

RFI2005000493

The BBC is withholding information about the budget for its news programmes in 02/03 and the current financial year on the basis that such information is not covered by the Freedom of Information Act. As indicated, the BBC, Channel 4 and S4C are covered by this legislation only in respect of information held for purposes "other than journalism, art or literature". Information which is withheld on the basis of the derogation may otherwise be exempt from disclosure because of the application of other provisions of the Act.

## **Savings resulting from proposed reduction in BBCNI staff**

RFI2005000490

In a Press Statement issued on 21.03.05 (attached), BBCNI Controller, Anna Carragher announced the proposed re-structuring of BBCNI's activities and associated efficiency savings and confirmed that these will result in an estimated reduction of 98 posts from its Content and Output Departments over a 3 year period. It is expected that there will be limited additional job losses from BBCNI's professional services' staff, including Marketing, Communications and Audiences and Finance and that BBCNI will deliver an estimated £4.9 million savings as part of organisation-wide efficiencies. The Controller confirmed that the re-organisation and streamlining of BBCNI's work will "channel more investment into programme-making" and indicated that new investment proposals are currently valued at £5.5 million. In overall terms, the BBC's Nations and Regions will be expected to deliver savings of £54.4 million and to reduce its workforce by c735 posts (equivalent to 13% of the total employed by this Division) over the coming period. More detailed information on the BBC's reinvestment proposals is contained in a presentation by the Director General to BBC staff on 21.03.05 (see attached).

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2005/03\\_march/21/savings.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2005/03_march/21/savings.shtml)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2005/03\\_march/21/ni.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2005/03_march/21/ni.shtml)

By agreement with the Information Commissioner's Office, the BBC will not offer an internal review of its decision to withhold information on the basis of the Act's derogation as it applies to the Corporation. You can however, seek an internal review of my decision to withhold information on the basis of other provisions of the Act (RFI2005000485, RFI2005000487, RFI2005000489) by e-mail at [foi@bbc.co.uk](mailto:foi@bbc.co.uk) or by writing to BBC Freedom of Information, PO BOX 48339, London, W12 7XH. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to seek a further review by the Information Commissioner. Please see [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) or contact Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF for details.

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**Mark Adair**  
Secretary and Head of Public Policy



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11 February, 2008

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Requests – BBC Northern Ireland**

I'm writing to you pursuant to the Information Commissioner's Decision Notice FS50085710 issued on 08 January, 2008.

The BBC has now carefully considered the Information Commissioner's Decision Notice. Please find our response below. All information provided is at the date of your original requests – 19.04.05.

#### **What salary is Controller Anna Carragher paid?**

Anna Carragher was the Controller of BBC Northern Ireland at the time of your original request. She was the BBC's most senior editorial figure within Northern Ireland with responsibility for its output, staff team and budget. Her salary range, consistent with these responsibilities and the specialist nature of this role was: £100,000 - £131,000.

#### **Who is the highest paid member of staff in the BBC and what is he/she paid annually?**

Anna Carragher was the highest paid member of staff in BBC Northern Ireland at the date of your original request. Her level of remuneration fell within the range detailed above.

#### **How many producers of news, current affairs, light entertainment, sport receive more than £40,000 annually; how many receive more than £50,000 annually; how many receive £60-£70,000 and above annually?**

At the time of your request there were six staff with job title of Producer in the programme/output areas to which you refer and who earned more than £40,000. Their annual salaries were between £40-50,000 per annum. BBC remuneration is consistent with agreed pay grades, editorial and other responsibilities.

**The total cost of make up-applied to staff (separately) and to those appearing on TV programmes. Do BBC staff/presenters receive financial aid or a clothing allowance? If so, how many and how much was spent in total last year?**

Large-scale local television programmes and series involve the use of a dedicated make-up designer and assistant. It is their responsibility to purchase cosmetics and other consumables. Such costs are claimed through the usual disbursement process. It is not possible to easily disaggregate make-up or cosmetic costs as a discrete item within these costs. BBCNI's news and sports programmes employ contracted suppliers whose material costs are generally included within their hire fee. Additional cosmetics may, on occasion, be purchased and such expenditure is reclaimed through the usual disbursement process. In overall terms and based on our financial reporting systems we have estimated that total BBCNI expenditure on the purchase and application of make-up (including related costs) for local output in 04/05 was approximately **£12,468**.

Items of clothing purchased for use by people involved in BBC output remain the property of the Corporation. Within entertainment and factual programming these items are generally purchased by costume designers on behalf of the BBC and consistent with a programme or series' editorial and/or other requirements. Such expenditure is reclaimed through the usual disbursement (or claims) process. When items of clothing are no longer required for programme-related purposes these can be acquired by the presenter at two thirds of their original cost to the BBC. We do not allocate a clothing allowance to individual presenters and such expenditure forms part of the overall budget allocated to a programme or series. We do not retain discrete financial information about the clothing costs associated with BBC output and the sourcing of such information would require the detailed analysis of all programme-related budgets and/or relevant disbursement claims.

In addition, whilst making our submissions to the ICO, we had previously undertaken to disclose the following information without prejudice to the BBC's position on the application of the derogation and/or relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act. I apologise for the delay in providing this information.

**What was the BBC's taxi bill covering all areas of the Corporation for 2004? Please give breakdown - news, sport, current affairs, light entertainment etc.**

BBCNI's taxi bill for 2004/05 was **£289,537**. Such expenditure includes travel costs incurred by programme contributors and local BBC staff as part of their work. These costs are reviewed on an ongoing basis and are linked to output and operational requirements. BBCNI staff are expected to make use of public transport wherever practicable and appropriate. Taxi costs are incurred/managed through a centrally organised procurement process which is designed to ensure maximum value for money. We have been able to disaggregate these costs on the following basis:

Programme Production (incl. news, sport, entertainment etc):	£255,751
Commissioning, Scheduling and Presentation:	£6271
Drama:	£12,443
Support (non-output) Departments:	£15,072

**What was BBC's hospitality bill (alcohol, light refreshments etc) covering all areas of the Corporation for 2004? Please give breakdown in relation to hospitality extended to programme guests.**

BBCNI's hospitality bill for 2004/05 was **£267,527**. Such expenditure includes refreshments and associated costs across all aspects of the BBC's public facing activities and output. It includes: the food which is made available to programme contributors; the hospitality provided for external events; and the refreshment costs involved with local BBC programme-making. Refreshments are not generally made available for internal meetings, except in specified circumstances, and such expenditure should have a clear editorial or operational justification. Information about the proportion of these costs which were spent on programme guests or contributors is not easily identifiable and would require the interrogation of all Departmental charge codes.

As such, we estimate that to deal with your request would take more than 2.5 days. Were the Act to apply, the BBC would under Section 12 be able to refuse to handle the request as the sourcing, collation and analysis of the information exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been set by the Regulations (SI2004/3244) as being £450 (equivalent to 2.5 days work at an hourly rate of £25).

I hope this is useful.

Yours sincerely

**Mark Adair**  
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