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Dear Ms Mills

### **RFI20090149 - Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your email of January 21st requesting information about the total BBC expenditure on news content and delivery, including television, News 24 (now called the BBC News Channel) and online BBC News services; and the proportion of a licence fee which is spent on News content and delivery. The reference number for your request is RFI20090149.

Please note that your request is outside the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") but you can find some information in the BBC's Annual Report:

[http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/annualreport/pdf/bbc\\_ara\\_2008\\_exec.pdf](http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/annualreport/pdf/bbc_ara_2008_exec.pdf) . Total spend on BBC News is reported on pp141-142 of the Annual Report (£58.0m in 2008 and £55.0m in 2007).

The information about the proportion of the licence fee which is spent on BBC News content and delivery is not held. For details of the BBC's income please refer to pp105-106 which outlines the four main sources of income for the BBC (licence fee, government grants, commercial and other) and their totals.

We hope you find this helpful. Your request is outside the scope of the Act because the BBC and the other public service broadcasters are covered by the Act only in respect of information held



for purposes “other than those of journalism, art or literature” (see Schedule I, Part VI of the Act). However, on this occasion we’re happy to respond to your request. For more information about how the Act applies to the BBC please see [www.bbc.co.uk/foi](http://www.bbc.co.uk/foi) Please note that this guidance is not intended to be a comprehensive legal interpretation of how the Act applies to the BBC.

The BBC does not offer an internal review when the information requested is not covered by the Act. If you disagree with our decision you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. Contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF telephone 01625 545 700. <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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