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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Funding to Television Companies**

Thank you for your request for information about funding to television companies, which we received on 27 February 2014. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

**You asked:** I'd like a full list of funding provided to television companies for the purposes of making programmes for each of the last ten years please. With each payment, please specify which company and which programme. If possible individual reasons for funding too.

**In response:** The table below sets out payments made to television companies in each of the ten years from 2003-04 to 2012-13, which is the last complete year for which we have information. All figures are in £.

TV Company	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
BBC Worldwide Ltd	159	282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITV Broadcasting Ltd	-	-	-	-	6,165	4,470	2,139	-	-	-
ITV Millbank Studios	-	-	-	-	-	-	690	-	-	-
National Film Board Of Canada	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Scientific Films Ltd	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Fish Film Company Ltd	-	-	-	-	-	-	575	-	-	-

We are unable to provide further information on which programmes the payments were for or the individual reasons for funding. Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows us to refuse a request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which currently stands at £600. On the basis of our



estimates, we consider that the cost of determining this information would exceed this limit and, as such, we are refusing this part of your request.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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