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Email:

13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear Mr

**Freedom of information request – RFI20150492**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”) dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 requesting the following information:-

*I would like to know the quantity, by title, of copies of each national newspaper purchased by the BBC in the most recent year for which figures are available.*

For the purposes of this FOI request, please note:

- The BBC’s commercial subsidiaries are not subject to the Act (see section 6(1)(b)(ii) of the Act) and therefore, their data has not been included in the information disclosed.
- Information relating to the purchase of newspapers for programme-making purposes is excluded from the Act because it is held for the purposes of ‘journalism, art or literature’. However, as it would be difficult for us to separate out this information from the non-programme related spend, we are happy to include this in the overall figures.

Due to the size of these operations, newspaper deliveries to BBC buildings for the relevant periods were, for the most part, made via the BBC’s managed service arrangement. Outside of this arrangement newspapers may have been delivered to BBC buildings by local newsagents. We do not hold a central record of any deliveries made by local newsagents and we would therefore need to contact all BBC offices and departments to establish whether there were any local arrangements. I estimate that to locate this information would take more than two and a half days; 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).

Please find in the table below the information which we are able to provide within the above specified limit. This is the total number of national newspapers delivered through the BBC's managed service provider to BBC buildings for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Please note that our managed service provider includes Saturday editions in the 'dailies' numbers.

## 2014

| Publication             | Type    | Quantity | Cost |        |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|------|--------|
| Daily Express           | Dailies | 42263    | £    | 21,134 |
| Daily Mail              | Dailies | 78463    | £    | 40,482 |
| Daily Mirror            | Dailies | 60528    | £    | 28,269 |
| Daily Star              | Dailies | 17988    | £    | 6,830  |
| Daily Telegraph         | Dailies | 75308    | £    | 89,069 |
| Financial Times         | Dailies | 40253    | £    | 83,061 |
| Guardian                | Dailies | 45672    | £    | 63,061 |
| Sun                     | Dailies | 66202    | £    | 22,730 |
| The Independent         | Dailies | 61339    | £    | 73,175 |
| Times                   | Dailies | 77167    | £    | 78,825 |
| <b>Subtotal Dailies</b> |         |          |      |        |
| Daily Star Sunday       | Sundays | 1554     | £    | 1,362  |
| Independent On Sunday   | Sundays | 6079     | £    | 10,920 |
| Mail On Sunday          | Sundays | 7591     | £    | 9,319  |
| Observer                | Sundays | 7620     | £    | 17,076 |
| Sun on Sunday           | Sundays | 5008     | £    | 2,807  |
| Sunday Express          | Sundays | 4675     | £    | 5,154  |
| Sunday Mirror           | Sundays | 5732     | £    | 5,205  |
| Sunday Sport            | Sundays | 104      | £    | 101    |
| Sunday Telegraph        | Sundays | 7243     | £    | 11,766 |
| Sunday Times            | Sundays | 9035     | £    | 18,752 |
| The People              | Sundays | 3112     | £    | 2,647  |

If you plan to publish or broadcast a story using the information provided in this response please include the following statement from the BBC.

A BBC spokesman said:

"The largest number of newspapers delivered come from News UK. As an impartial international news broadcaster with 3 rolling TV news channels, 28 foreign language services, daily paper reviews as well as various radio and TV current affairs programmes our viewers rightly expect our presenters, journalists and expert contributors to be across all the day's stories in all the UK newspapers.

"The BBC has secured a discount through its service contract ensuring value for money."

### *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. 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 545700 or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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