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Dear

Freedom of information request – RFI 20080314

Thank you for your request received by the BBC on 25 March 2008 seeking further information about TV Licensing. Your request is being dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

Please note that "TV Licensing" is a trading name used by companies contracted by the BBC to administer the collection of television licence fees and enforcement of the television licensing system. The majority of the administration of TV Licensing is contracted to Capita Business Services Ltd (which undertakes the majority of the administration of the TV Licensing system), with the administration of our cash related payment schemes contracted to Revenues Management Services Ltd (RMS). PayPoint Network Ltd and PayPoint Collections Ltd are contracted to provide over-the-counter services. The marketing and public relations activities are contracted to the AMV Consortium. The consortium is made up of the following four companies: Abbott Mead Vickers BBDO Ltd, Fishburn Hedges Boys Williams Limited, PHD Media Limited and Proximity London Ltd. The BBC is a public authority in respect of its television licensing functions and retains overall responsibility.

In your message you asked the following:

The B.B.C. gets its revenue from the T.V.license fee. People over seventy-five are entitled to a free T.V.license. Does that mean that the B.B.C. gets no money for people over seventy-five or does the government pay the B.B.C. money for people who are over seventy-five from other funds?

I can confirm that the Department for Work and Pensions reimburses the BBC the cost of free over 75 licences.

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 provided, 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/>

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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