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11<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Dear Mr Lyons,

**Request for Information – RFI20091060**

Thank you for your request of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 seeking the following information. I have numbered each question and addressed them below.

*1. 'How would owning and using something you've probably had to work hard for constitute a privilege?'*

In accordance with section 1(1) of the Act, I can confirm that we do not hold recorded information of the type you have requested.

*2. 'Do you consider owning and watching a television to be an illegal act, trespass or tort in itself, something potentially dangerous, that should only be practised by fully trained, responsible and therefore licensed people?'*

Section 363 of the Communications Act 2003 makes it a criminal offence to install or use a television receiver, for the purpose of receiving television programme services, without a valid licence.

*3. 'With this in mind, are there any plans to introduce TV watching lessons and tests, to ensure that applicants for TV Licenses are fully competent in the necessary safe use of a television including, but not limited to, the ability to never question any of the government propaganda perpetrated in the interests of public safety and a television news emergency stop test, whereby applicants will be trained to put their television on standby in the instance of something truthful somehow materialising on their screens?'*

In accordance with section 1(1) of the Act, I can confirm that we do not hold recorded information of the type you have requested.



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Yours sincerely

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