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Dear

Freedom of Information request – RF120101419

Thank you for your email of 25th October seeking the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”);

1...How many restaurants and or cafes and or canteens and or other eating establishments are situated on different BBC premises and are available for the use of BBC staff and or their guests and or members of the public. I am only interested in those facilities which allow BBC staff and or their guests and or members of the public to sit down and eat meals?

2...Can you please state how many of these facilities are managed directly by the BBC itself?

3...Can you please provide the names of any outside firms which manage and or operate catering facilities of the kind described in question one and on behalf of the BBC? Can you please provide a list of the particular facilities run by each outside firm and the location of those facilities?

4...Can you please provide a list of firms, outside suppliers and shops which supply meat products to any of the aforementioned dining/catering establishments mentioned in question one.

5...Do any of the aforementioned dining and catering establishments serve Halal meat. This is normally taken to mean meat which has been prepared and slaughtered in line with Islamic tradition/ law. Can you please state which facilities and on which premises serve Halal meat? Can you please state whether the meat served on each of these particular premises is exclusively Halal. If not can you please identify which meats and meat products are Halal?

6...Do any of the above catering facilities (mentioned in question one) have and or display a Halal certificate. Can you please provide details of which facilities and on which premises do have a Halal certificate?



7...Since January 1 2010 has the BBC entered into correspondence with any of its food suppliers and or any catering firm which runs facilities on its behalf. I am only interested in correspondence which relates to the issue of Halal meat and or the Halal method of slaughter. Can you please provide copies of this correspondence (including emails). Please feel free to redact any commercially sensitive information.

I will answer each of your questions in turn.

1) There are 25 eating establishments on BBC premises which allow BBC staff and or their guests and or members of the public to sit down and eat meals.

2) None of these facilities are managed directly by the BBC

3) through 6) Please see attached spreadsheet. Establishments in London are run by Aramark. The volumes and variety of foods on offer as these locations are large, Aramark have provided the following note:

“We aim to ensure that we provide products across our establishments to meet the needs of the diverse cultural backgrounds of our customers. We display certification where an offer meets halal specifications at all stages of production. If customers require additional information about the background of any of the products supplied, we are happy to provide it to them. We meet all legal requirements in this area and as and when requirements change we will adapt our procedures accordingly.”

7) I am not aware of the BBC having entered into any correspondence with any of its food suppliers in relation to Halal meat since January 1 2010

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 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 545 700 or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Yours Sincerely

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Region	City	Site	Building	Managed By	Meat suppliers	Halal meat served?	Exclusively Halal?	Meat type/product containing Halal	Halal certificate displayed?
Ireland	Belfast	Belfast BH	Belfast BH	Eurest	MKL Meats Ltd	No	No	N/A	N/A
London	Borehamwood	Elstree Centre	Elstree Centre Neptune House	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	No	No	N/A	N/A
London	Borehamwood	Elstree Centre	Elstree Centre Restaurant Building	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	Yes	No	Various	See note in main response
London	London	Maida Vale Studios	Maida Vale Studios	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	Yes	No	Various	See note in main response
London	London	Broadcasting House	London BH	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	No	No	N/A	N/A
London	London	Henry Wood House	Henry Wood House	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	Yes	No	Various	See note in main response
London	London	Bush House	Bush House C Block South	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	Yes	No	Various	See note in main response
London	London	Television Centre	TVC Main Block	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	No	No	N/A	N/A
London	London	Television Centre	TVC Restaurant Block	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	Yes	No	Various	See note in main response
London	London	Media Village	Broadcast Centre	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	Yes	No	Various	See note in main response
London	London	Media Village	Media Centre	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	Yes	No	Various	See note in main response
London	London	Media Village	White City 1	ARAMARK Limited	Various Suppliers	Yes	No	Various	See note in main response
North East & Cumbria	Newcastle	Newcastle Broadcasting Centre	Newcastle BH	Balfour Beatty Workplace	Brake Brothers	No	No	N/A	N/A
North West	Manchester	Manchester NBH	Manchester Main Building	Balfour Beatty Workplace	Brake Brothers	No	No	N/A	N/A
Scotland	Dumbarton	Dumbarton	Dumbarton Unit 31	Baxter Storey	Campbells Prime Meat	Yes	No	Chicken	Yes
Scotland	Glasgow	Pacific Quay	Pacific Quay	Baxter Storey	Campbells Prime Meat	Yes	No	Chicken	Yes
South	Southampton	Southampton Broadcasting House	Southampton BH	Eurest	Brake Brothers	No	No	N/A	N/A
South West	Plymouth	Ingledene BH	Plymouth BH	Eurest	Brake Brothers	No	No	N/A	N/A
Wales	Bangor	Bryn Meirion	Bryn Meirion	Eurest	Castell Howell, Brake Bros, Food Partners	No	No	N/A	N/A
Wales	Cardiff	Cardiff BH	Cardiff BH C1 Block	Eurest	Castell Howell, Brake Bros, Food Partners	No	No	N/A	N/A
Wales	Cardiff	Cardiff BH	Cardiff BH Restaurant Blo	Eurest	Castell Howell, Brake Bros, Food Partners	No	No	N/A	N/A
West	Bristol	Bristol BH	Bristol NPC	Eurest	Brake Brothers	No	No	N/A	N/A
West Midlands	Evesham	Wood Norton	Wood Norton Restaurant	Eurest	Brake Brothers	No	No	N/A	N/A
West Midlands	Evesham	Wood Norton	Wood Norton Restaurant	Eurest	Brake Brothers	No	No	N/A	N/A
Yorkshire	Leeds	Quarry Hill	Quarry Hill Leeds	Balfour Beatty Workplace	Brake Brothers	No	No	N/A	N/A