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Dear Ms

Freedom of information request - RFI2007000049

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") dated 16 January 2007, namely:

'According to Common Purpose's web site Mr Harding sits on the Common Purpose London advisory board. Can you please supply via e-mail or hard copy the following. Copies of all correspondence between Mr Harding (Mr Harding'sP/A) & Common Purpose. Please include all e-mails and advisory board minutes - Jan 2005 - date.

Details of any Common Purpose events hosted and sponsored by the BBC from 2005 - date. To include any costs incurred (refreshments etc).

BBC expenditure with Common Purpose (Training Courses) from 2005 - date.'

With regards to the first part of your request I have contacted Mr Harding who has confirmed that he does have an involvement with Common Purpose but this is in a totally private capacity and nothing to do with his position at the BBC. There is no business reason for the BBC to keep any information about Mr Harding's involvement with Common Purpose. The only circumstances where there would be a record is if there was the potential for a conflict of interest in which case it would have been declared and in this case there is no conflict as Mr Harding is not involved in the commissioning of training from Common Purpose.

The BBC has made use of Common Purpose training courses for a number of years. For the period 1st January 2005 to date, the BBC has spent £47,260 with Common Purpose. Records show that individuals have attended the workshops and events at

Common Purpose venues. I am not aware of any Common Purpose training events being hosted by the BBC.

Appeal rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager. 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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