13 July 2017

Reference number: Fol 345

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in response to the request you made to BBSRC under the Freedom of Information Act, which was received on Saturday 24 June 2017.

Statement of information requested

I am looking for information about payments to celebrities. Please could you provide me with the following:

1. Please could you provide a list of celebrities who have received payments over the past three calendar years (2015/16/17) up until the present date.

2. In each case where a celebrity has been paid please could you state how much they were paid, the date they were paid and why they were paid (i.e. promotional campaign/advert, speaking fee, performing fee, appearance fee etc).

3. In each case where a celebrity has been paid please could you include any expenses that were also paid and detail what they were for (travel, accommodation etc). Please could you break down what was paid to the celebrities in fees and what was paid to them in expenses.

Please note, for the purpose of this request a ‘celebrity’ should be taken to mean a famous person in sport, entertainment, film, music, reality TV, vlogging, or any other field.

Background

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is one of seven Research Councils that work together as Research Councils UK (RCUK). It is funded from the Government’s Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. BBSRC invested £473 million in world-class bioscience, people and research infrastructure in 2015-16. It supports around 1,600 scientists and 2,000 research students in universities and institutes in the UK. Information about BBSRC’s mission can be found on our website at http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/mission.aspx.

Duty to confirm or deny

BBSRC does not hold the information requested.

If you have any further questions, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

BBSRC Freedom of Information Officer

Publication: please note that this response to your request may be published on a public website.
Complaints Process

If you are dissatisfied with how we have handled your request, you may register a formal complaint with the BBSRC Complaints Officer at complaints.officer@bbsrc.ac.uk, who will conduct an internal review.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 01625 545 745, https://ico.org.uk/.