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Dear Sirs

I confirm receipt of your letter dated 2 July 2012 seeking access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1982 (FOI Act).

Specifically, you have sought access to "copies of documents ... relating to the central events concerning the Diamond Jubilee from Saturday 2 June to Tuesday 5 June 2012". The categories of documents which are identified in your request all relate to "the transmission by the ABC of the BBC transmission of any and all of the central events concerning the Diamond Jubilee..."

I am authorised by the Managing Director under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests made under that Act. Following is my decision in relation to your request.

The ABC is exempt from the operation of the FOI Act in relation to documents relating to its program material (see FOI Act, s7(2) and Part II, Schedule 2). I am satisfied that documents relating to the broadcast of content, such as the recent coverage of the Diamond Jubilee, have a clear and direct relationship with the ABC's program material such that they fall outside the operation of the FOI Act. Accordingly, access to any documents which may exist will not be granted.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision you can apply for Internal or Information Commissioner (IC) Review. You do not have to apply for Internal Review before seeking IC Review. Information about your review rights is attached.

Yours sincerely

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