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I refer to your email of 9 May 2011 in which you sought access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act). Specifically you requested access to documents "detailing the use of private detectives or investigators by the ABC for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010" including documents which demonstrate "the cost and reason for using a private detective or investigator".

In our subsequent email exchange, you agreed to narrow the scope of your request to the use of private detectives or investigators by the "news division ... international division and ABC head office".

I have been advised that no private detectives or investigators have been used by the News division, ABC International, Corporate Affairs or the Managing Directors officer between 2008 and 2010. Accordingly, no documents exist which meet the description of your request.

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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