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Dear Mr Reid

FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 2012-23

I refer to your email of 14 December 2012 in which you sought access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act):

“Documents from the ABC concerning the nomenclature used to refer to Taiwan in its reporting. These documents could include policies, guidelines, memos, emails, presentations and letters issued or available to reporters, producers and other editorial staff... In particular I seek documents which may be related to reporting on the following issues and events:

- 1 2012 London Olympic Games;*
- 2 Summits and meetings of APEC;*
- 3 The United Nations and affiliated bodies such as the World Health Organisation, UNFCCC and Civil Aviation Organisation;*
- 4 Meetings of the WTO and negotiations surrounding free trade agreements; and*
- 5 Territorial disputes in the “South China Sea” and Sankaku Islands”.*

The scope of your request was subsequently refined in our email exchange on 18 December 2012.

- 1 An official policy or editorial guideline available to editorial staff concerning appropriate terms to refer to Taiwan.*
- 2 Specific instructions that have been issued to staff reporting on issues involving Taiwan. For example, how to refer to athletes representing Taiwan at sporting events or how to refer to Taiwan at meetings of APEC.*

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.

I have taken reasonable steps to identify and locate relevant documents and I am satisfied that no documents exist which fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, access is refused pursuant to s24A of the FOI Act.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Maude'.

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