

Reference: 527092

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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information in relation to the broadcaster Russia Today.

This was received by Ofcom on 13 March 2018 and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You stated that you are interested in information held from 13 March 2016. We have therefore searched for information from 13 March 2016 to 13 March 2018. Please find below our response to each of the questions you asked.

1. *During the aforementioned period did John McDonnell MP write to the Chief Executive and or Chair of Ofcom about the broadcaster Russia Today. If the answer is yes can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communication including emails.*

The Chief Executive and Chair have not received correspondence from John McDonnell MP regarding the broadcaster Russia Today, therefore this information is not held.

2. *During the aforementioned period has Jeremy Corbyn write to the Chief Executive or Chair of Ofcom about the broadcaster Russia Today. If the answer is yes can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communication including emails.*

The Chief Executive and Chair have not received correspondence from Jeremy Corbyn regarding the broadcaster Russia Today, therefore this information is not held.

3. *During the aforementioned period did The Chief Executive and or Chair of Ofcom reply to any correspondence and communications from Mr Corbyn or Mr McDonnell about Russia Today. If the answer is yes can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communications including emails.*

As no correspondence was received from either Mr Corbyn or Mr McDonnell about Russia Today, nothing was sent, therefore this information is not held.

4. *If any relevant documentation has subsequently been destroyed can you please provide the following details. In the case of each destroyed document can you provide a brief outline of its contents and state on what date it was destroyed. In the case of each destroyed document can you please provide a copy if it is held in another form.*

As there was no correspondence falling within your questions 1 to 3, no such documentation has been destroyed.

If you have any queries, then please contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Jerin John

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact:

Steve Gettings
The Secretary to the Corporation
Ofcom
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9HA

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF