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### Ref: 00643367 Freedom of Information: Right to Know Request

Thank you for your request for the number and type of complaints about *The Alex Salmond Show*, which was received by Ofcom on 6 September and has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For your information, complaints about broadcast standards are carefully assessed under Ofcom's Broadcasting Code, which sets strict standards for programme content which broadcasters must follow. If we consider that these rules may have been broken, we work swiftly to investigate. Should we conclude our rules have been broken, we have the power to impose sanctions on broadcasters.

You can find decisions about complaints we have received in Ofcom's Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin, published every fortnight on our website here:

<http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/enforcement/broadcast-bulletins>

Turning to your request, Ofcom has record of two broadcast standards cases about *The Alex Salmond Show* broadcast on RT.

The following case was referred for investigation by Ofcom, and then considered to be in breach of the Broadcasting Code.

Programme	Service	Transmission Date	Issues
The Alex Salmond Show	RT	16/11/2017	Due accuracy

For the following case, after careful assessment of the complaints and the broadcast material, Ofcom did not identify any issues that warranted further investigation.

Programme	Service	Transmission Date	Issues
The Alex Salmond Show	RT	05/04/2018	Due impartiality/bias

Both cases were reported respectively on pages 19 and 96 of Bulletin issue 358 on 16 July 2018, available here: [https://www.ofcom.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/116048/Issue-358-Broadcast-On-Demand-Bulletin.pdf](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/116048/Issue-358-Broadcast-On-Demand-Bulletin.pdf)

We hope this information is of assistance. If you have any queries, then please contact [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto: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:

Jacqui Gregory  
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