

Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information regarding a meeting between Sharon White, James Murdoch and Lachlan Murdoch:

“Please could you disclose to me,

- 1) On what pretext those meetings were held*
- 2) Correspondence between Ms White and the Murdoch brothers concerning her meeting, to include their invitation and her acceptance thereof*
- 3) The dates & locations where the meetings took place*
- 4) Details of any hospitality accepted by Ms White in the course of that meeting, such as hotel accommodation, meals, drinks, taxi transfers, or gifts.”*

Your request was received on 1 June 2017 and has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”).

Answers are below:

- 1) In the course of carrying out our work on the proposed merger, Ofcom took representations from the parties as well as those opposing the merger. This enables us to run a fair process.
- 2) Ofcom does not hold any such information.
- 3) One meeting took place between the above parties on 30 May 2017, at Ofcom’s offices.
- 4) The meeting took place at Ofcom’s offices. No hospitality of any kind was accepted by Sharon White in the course of the meeting.

If you

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
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Riverside House
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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:

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