

## **Freedom of Information: Right to know request**

Thank you for your request for information relating to adjudications on breaches of Sections Five and Six of the Ofcom Broadcasting Code.

Your request was received on 20 March 2017 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested details of all adjudications regarding breaches of Section Five (due impartiality and accuracy) and Section Six (i.e. broadcasts concerning elections and/or referendums) of the Broadcasting Code from 2015 to date.

Ofcom's Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin, published every fortnight on our website, includes our decisions about the complaints we have received as well as a summary of the complaint. Issues of the Bulletin are available via the following link to our website:

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

You can therefore find details of complaints we have considered about the programmes you listed in the Bulletins, but for ease of reference I have compiled a table summarising all our breach decisions relating to Sections Five and Six of the Code, from 2015 to date, below:

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| Programme   | Broadcaster             | Date of transmission          | Bulletin Issue | Date of issue     |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Wanted  | Resonance FM            | 16 and 18 September 2014      | 270            | 05 January 2015   |
| News  | CCTV News               | 30 September - 3 October 2014 | 273            | 16 February 2015  |
| Channel 4 News  | Channel 4               | 06 March 2014                 | 273            | 16 February 2015  |
| The Political Slot  | Channel 4               | 20 November 2014              | 273            | 16 February 2015  |
| The Newspapers  | Latest TV               | 24 October 2014               | 275            | 16 March 2015     |
| Channel 4 News  | Channel 4               | 17 November 2014              | 277            | 20 April 2015     |
| Professia Reporter  | NTV Mir Lithuania       | 02 November 2014              | 282            | 29 June 2015      |
| Sheffield Live News   | Sheffield Live TV       | 6 April - 10 April 2014       | 283            | 13 July 2015      |
| The Happy Garden  | The Cat                 | 01 May 2015                   | 283            | 13 July 2015      |
| Today   | NTV Mir Lithuania       | 28 and 30 January 2015        | 284            | 27 July 2015      |
| News  | ARY News                | 07 May 2015                   | 285            | 17 August 2015    |
| News  | Dunya News              | 07 May 2015                   | 285            | 17 August 2015    |
| News  | Geo News                | 07 May 2015                   | 285            | 17 August 2015    |
| Different Anglez  | New Style Radio 98.7 FM | 07 May 2015                   | 285            | 17 August 2015    |
| News  | Samaa                   | 07 May 2015                   | 285            | 17 August 2015    |
| Ukraine's Refugees  | RT                      | 18 - 19 July 2014             | 288            | 21 September 2015 |
| The Truthseeker   | RT (Europe)             | 13 - 14 July 2014             | 288            | 21 September 2015 |
| News  | Bangla TV               | 11 June 2015                  | 290            | 12 October 2015   |
| News  | CHSTV                   | 27 April 2015                 | 292            | 09 November 2015  |
| Channel 4 News  | Channel 4               | 24 August 2015                | 295            | 21 December 2015  |
| Bay FM News   | Bay FM Radio            | 13 October 2015               | 297            | 11 January 2016   |
| Anatomy of the Day  | NTV Mir Lithuania       | 02 September 2015             | 300            | 07 March 2016     |
| Editorial content relating to the 2015 Nigerian Presidential election | BEN TV                  | 7 and 11 February 2015        | 300            | 07 March 2016     |
| Africa Vision   | BEN TV                  | 13 February 2016              | 305            | 23 May 2016       |
| Going Underground   | RT                      | 5 and 23 March 2016           | 308            | 04 July 2016      |
| Fox Extra   | Fox News                | 07 April 2016                 | 311            | 22 August 2016    |
| Debate on the EU referendum   | Akaal Channel           | 23 June 2016                  | 311            | 22 August 2016    |
| Your World with Neil Cavuto   | Fox News                | 23 June 2016                  | 311            | 22 August 2016    |
| No Frills Breakfast   | Radio Cardiff           | 04 May 2016                   | 311            | 22 August 2016    |
| Zing Jukebox Live   | Zing                    | 21 June 2016                  | 312            | 12 September 2016 |
| Item for the Islamic Human Rights Commission                          | Ahlulbayt TV            | various                       | 315            | 24 October 2016   |
| Labour Party EU Referendum Debate                                     | BEN TV                  | 10 June 2016                  | 315            | 24 October 2016   |
| Hannity   | Fox News                | 2, 5 and 6 August 2016        | 317            | 21 November 2016  |
| The Incident: Special Investigation                                   | NTV Mir Lithuania       | 15 April 2016                 | 319            | 19 December 2016  |
| CrossTalk   | RT                      | 11 July 2016                  | 319            | 19 December 2016  |
| Sky News  | Sky News                | 07 August 2016                | 322            | 06 February 2017  |
| Kashmir Now   | MATV                    | 28 September 2016             | 323            | 20 February 2017  |

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| Anti-Pakistan Protest in Geneva | MATV      | 28 September 2016 | 323 | 20 February 2017 |
| News                            | Times Now | 26 September 2016 | 323 | 20 February 2017 |

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#### 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