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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your requests for information where you asked about election issues.

These were received by Ofcom on 31 July and 1 August and have been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Please find below our response to each of your questions.

“Please send to me information which alleges, or proves, that the U.S. Department of State and/or U.S. Department of Defense and/or any other entity committed electoral fraud at the June 8th, 2017, United Kingdom general election and/or the June 23rd, 2016, United Kingdom European Union membership referendum.”

These are matters for the Electoral Commission and as such, we do not hold information relevant to the request.

*“Please send to me information which alleges, or proves, that the news story linked to in the URL below is factually incorrect, or that the U.S. Department of Defense and/or U.S. Department of State and/or any other entity are forcing BBC News to publish and broadcast the aforementioned news story for propaganda purposes.
News story: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-44704561>”*

We would only receive complaints related to broadcaster’s conduct, not that of any Government. I can confirm we have no complaints on record for the specific BBC website news story you are referring to.

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,

Julia Snape

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