

Ref: [00376770](#) Urdu translators – closed 24 January 2017

Thank you for contacting our media office on 5 January 2017 with some questions on Urdu language television. As you had a number of queries, we have processed these through our Information Requests team.

Please note that questions 4-6 below have been handled as requests for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), as they are valid requests under the Act. If you are unhappy with the response to those questions, internal review details are provided at the bottom of this letter.

You requested the following information:

4. As you know, Geo recently won a big libel case against ARY. Geo say that they originally brought up the issue that the case was about with you on 22 November 2013 - is that right?

5. Geo say that translation issues and confusion as to whether it was an incitement to violence complaint or an unfairness complaint meant that by July 2014 they felt their case with you was getting nowhere and "we started to realise Ofcom may not come to any decision and would not be able to provide us with relief". As a result Geo decided to go to court. Do you recognise the dates as accurate? Could you give me a quote in response to Geo's claim?

6. What is the current status of Geo's complaints about the ARY programmes which were the subject of the libel case? When might you reach a decision on these?

We are unable to confirm whether we hold the information you requested for questions 4 to 6, as to provide such information would fall under the exemption in Section 44 of the Act <<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/44>>. Disclosure of whether we hold such information is prohibited under Section 393 of the Communications Act <<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/21/section/393>>. It is likely that other exemptions will also apply.