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Information requests

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### **Request for information**

Thank you for your request for information dated 16 January for details of ex BBC staff. This has been considered under the Freedom of information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked the following:

*In the light of the likely transfer of oversight of the BBC to Ofcom I would request details of all staff on a salary of more than of £50,000 pa, or its daily equivalent for part time staff or those with "oversight" of Ofcom, who have at any time received " any remuneration (directly or for oversight) of the BBC or its commercial subsidiaries.*

*In the particular circumstance I would also request that information on anyone "cohabiting" with a current or former BBC employee / overseer.*

We only hold records of a colleague's employer immediately before joining Ofcom. There are currently eight Ofcom colleagues who have an annual salary above £50,000 and joined directly from the BBC.

We are unable to disclose any details of those staff as this is exempt from disclosure under Section 40 of the Act which relates to personal information and which provides that such information is exempt for the purposes of the Act.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the Act and does not require a public interest test.

We do not hold information on any cohabiting arrangements for staff.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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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