

Reference: 539882

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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information where you asked about correspondence between Ofcom and the BBC regarding the BBC's post-referendum Brexit coverage.

This was received by Ofcom on 1 May and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

I am writing to ask you if you will furnish me with copies or transcripts of any correspondence between Ofcom and the BBC since the EU referendum regarding the BBC's post-referendum Brexit coverage, as well as any documentation relating to discussions at board level as to the impartiality or otherwise of the BBC's coverage, including its failure to properly consider the potential benefits of the UK trading with the EU and the rest of the world under WTO rules in the event of 'no deal'.

Ofcom does not hold any correspondence between Ofcom and the BBC that falls within scope of your request, nor do we hold any documentation relating to discussions at Board level with respect to the BBC's coverage of Brexit after the EU referendum.

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,

Jerin John

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