

Reference: 569174

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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information where you asked about the launch date of the television channel 'Islam Channel'.

This was received by Ofcom on 8 August and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

I would like the launch date for Islam channel on cable network and if possible any pre-launch interview footage of meeting to create the channel.

Ofcom does not hold the information you requested. Ofcom issues Television Licensable Content Service (TLCS) licences for the broadcast of television channels on satellite and/or electronic communications networks such as cable platforms. Once a licence has been issued it is for the licence holder to negotiate a launch date for their channel with a platform provider(s). Licence holders are not required to inform Ofcom of the confirmed launch date of television channels.

In addition, we do not hold any "pre-launch interview footage of meeting [or meetings] to create the channel".

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

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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
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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