

Freedom of Information: Right to know request

We have received two requests from you, regarding Policy and Management Board (PMB), which have been referred to me by our Contact Centre.

As you may know, Ofcom was established as a body corporate by the Office of Communications Act 2002. Under statute, decision-making authority is vested in the Ofcom Board, which is comprised of the Chairman, the Executive Directors (including the Chief Executive) and the Non-Executive Directors.

The Board may, however, delegate to the Executive the ability to take decisions on Ofcom's behalf. The Executive runs the organisation and answers to the Board. In May 2016, the Board approved a revised Delegations Framework<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/64013/24_may_2016.pdf> which, among other things, gives the Chief Executive, Group Directors and certain other persons delegated authority to take decisions on Ofcom's behalf, subject to certain matters which the Board reserves to itself. Matters which are reserved include approval of Ofcom's annual budget, annual report and accounts, and annual plan. More information about the reservations to the Ofcom Board can be found on our website<<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/how-ofcom-is-run/ofcom-board>>.

The PMB is the decision-maker on key policy and regulatory and organisation issues, although issues of greatest significance will be escalated to the Ofcom Board. PMB's members include the Chief Executive and Group Directors - numbers may fluctuate - a full list of current members can be found on our website<<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/how-ofcom-is-run/pmb>>.

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