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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning correspondence with Gary Neville. Your request was received on 23 November 2022 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request and our response

You asked:

Please note that my request concerns Ofcom's contacts and communications with Gary Neville, the former football player who now works as a sports commentator and property developer. Mr Neville is also the co-owner of Salford City Football Club. Please note that the reference to Mr Neville in the questions below should include Mr Neville himself and or anyone able to compose and or respond to correspondence on his behalf and in his name.

Please note that the reference to correspondence and communication should include all traditional forms of correspondence including letters, faxes, memos, and telegrams; all emails irrespective of whether they were sent and or received through private and public accounts, all telephone text messages, all Gmail messages and all messages sent through encrypted messaging services including but not limited to WhatsApp.

Please note that I am interested in receiving actual copies of correspondence and communication rather than just excerpts from that correspondence and communication. Copies of letters should include the letter head, all other design features, and the signatures. Similarly emails and other messages should be copied and disclosed as received. If you feel the need to redact material from any correspondence and communication, can you redact the material where it appears. That way I will be able to judge the location and extent of the redactions.

Please note that I am interested in correspondence and communication generated between 22 November 2021 and the present day.

1...During the aforementioned period has Mr Neville written to and or communicated with Ofcom?

During the aforementioned period, Mr Neville has not written to and/or communicated with Ofcom. However a representative, authorised to act on his behalf, has communicated with Ofcom.

2...If the answer is yes can you please provide copies of all correspondence and communication which mentions and or which in any way relates to any and or all of the following.

(i)...The 2022 FIFA World Cup currently taking place in Qatar.

(ii)....Qatar's role as Host of the World Cup

(iii)....Qatari owned media organisations based in Qatar and or operating overseas. I am interested in all correspondence and communication even that which doesn't relate to the World Cup.

(iv)....Qatari owned channels and their actual and or future and or proposed broadcasting operations in the UK. I am interested in all correspondence even that which doesn't relate to the World Cup.

3...During the aforementioned period did Ofcom write to and or communicate with Mr Neville about any and or all of the issues listed in question 2 (i to iv). If the answer is yes, can you please provide copies of any correspondence and communication.

Although we hold communications between Ofcom and a representative authorised to act on Mr Neville's behalf, the communication was not related to any of the above. We have therefore not provided a copy of this communication as it falls outside of scope of your request.

If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Zach Westbrook

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

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 responding to 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 information.requests@ofcom.org.uk

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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#). Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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