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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Vodafone funding Ofcom. Your request was received on 27 January 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

Does Vodafone financially contribute to your existence as Ofcom and we would like that information in writing

Our response

Ofcom's regulatory work is funded by a variety of stakeholders. As a Networks & Services stakeholder that meets specific criteria set out by Ofcom in its [Statement of charging principals](#), Vodafone is liable for an administrative charge under [Section 38 of the 2003 Communications Act](#).

Our Statement of Charging Principles provides further details on the applicable fee criteria in this sector.

Vodafone is also liable as a mobile and network operator for a wireless telegraphy act licence fee under [The Wireless Telegraphy Act](#). These funds are transferred to the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. Please refer to our annual [Section 400 Licence Fees and Penalties Accounts](#).

I hope this information is helpful. 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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