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Information Requests  
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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about complaints received by Ofcom about the BBC's programme *Trump A Second Chance*.

We received this request on 11 November 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Your request

*Please provide the following information in relation to the BBC's programme "Trump: A Second Chance?" (aired October 2024), which has since been widely reported as linked to the recent resignations of BBC Director-General Tim Davie and other senior executives:*

- (a) The total number of complaints Ofcom received concerning the above programme;*
- (b) Whether Ofcom investigated these complaints, and if so, the nature of the actions taken;*
- (c) The findings, outcomes, or determinations arising from any such investigations or reviews.*

*Please include relevant internal or published references (such as complaint case numbers, decision summaries, or published reports) if available.*

### Our response

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By way of background, complaints about broadcast standards are carefully assessed under Ofcom's [Broadcasting Code](#) ("the Code") which sets standards for programme content that all Ofcom licensees must follow. Individual complaints received by Ofcom are assigned to cases, and a case is opened when Ofcom is assessing a specific programme or issue and each case may consist of one or more complaints. In line with our published complaints [procedures](#), we review every complaint we receive to consider whether it raises potentially substantive issues under the Code which warrant investigation by Ofcom. If we consider that these standards may have been breached, we will investigate. You can find decisions about complaints we have considered in [Ofcom's Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin](#), published every fortnight on our website.

For complaints about the BBC, under the [BBC procedures](#) Ofcom can normally only consider complaints about BBC programmes where the complainant has already complained to the BBC, and the BBC has reached its final decision.

Turning to your request, we received 48 complaints about this programme.

These complaints reached us ahead of completing the BBC First process and were referred to the BBC. We can neither confirm nor deny if we hold information related to Ofcom investigations, findings, outcomes or determinations as to do so would fall under the exemption in section 44 of the FOI Act. Disclosure of whether we hold such information is prohibited under section 393(1) of the Communications Act 2003. Section 44 is an absolute exemption under the Act and does not require a public interest test.

It is likely that other exemptions apply.

Yours sincerely,

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### Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress.

Please email the Information Requests team ([information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk)) to request an internal review.

### Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).