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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Dame Melanie Dawes' attendance at Franco British Colloque.

We received this request on 27 February 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

I see that Dame Dawes attended the recent Franco British Colloque in January. I would like to see the invite materials for this event - in particular listed the companies and organisations represented at the conference, both the French and the UK "delegates", as well as the agenda and timetable. These will I think have been sent to Dame Dawes. The companies represented may be considered to be potentially lobbying OFCOM, and hence should be publicly known

Our response

Please find attached to this response the following documents:

- List of French attendees
- List of United Kingdom attendees
- The email invitation to Dame Melanie Dawes
- The agenda for the event

Please note we have removed individual's names/identifying job titles as we consider this information is exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act. In particular, section 40(2) of the FOI Act provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where, among other things, its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. This includes the principle that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption under the Act and does not require a public interest test.

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) 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](#).