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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 Cristina N Squires meeting in Aberdeen.

We received this request on 15 January 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

### Your request & our response

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*I'd like to request the details of Group Director Cristina Nicolotti Squires' trip to Aberdeen in December as referenced at committee, including:*

*- Dates and length of the visit*

17 November 2025, as a one-day trip.

*- Agenda and itinerary of her visit*

The general aim of the trip was to meet with STV at Aberdeen to discuss the STV proposals announced in September 2025, in order to inform Ofcom’s thinking ahead of publishing its consultation.

*- Full list of attendees on the visit*

Cristina Nicolotti Squires (Director, Broadcasting and Media) and Stefan Webster (Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager)

*- Who she met, full details of all meetings*

We know the name of one of the people she met with but consider that 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.

There were also circa 30 additional STV colleagues who attended the meeting, but names were not provided.

We hold information on the discussions held in the meeting, but we consider this to be exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act. In particular, section 44 of the FOI Act exempts the disclosure of information where disclosure is prohibited by another enactment. Ofcom is prohibited under section 393 of the Communications Act 2003 from disclosing information

which relates to a business which we have obtained in the course of exercising our functions, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory disclosure gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act 2003 is met. Neither of these are met.

- *Full cost of the visit*

£135.50 for train tickets.

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](#).