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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request concerning an historical Broadcast Complaints Commission ('BCC') case file - Louis Vianna v Central Independent Television (April 1996).

We received this request on 22 June 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request & our response

As the statutory successor to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission (BCC), Ofcom holds the legacy administrative and regulatory archives of the Commission. I am seeking access to the full, unredacted text adjudication, final ruling, and case dossier for the following historical regulatory entry:

** Complainant: Mr. Louis Vianna (also documented in archives as Luis Vianna or Luis Viana)*

** Respondent Broadcaster: Central Independent Television (ITV Central)*

** Case Log/Entry Date: 08/04/1996 (8th April 1996)*

** Historical Reference Context: Indexed within the Broadcasting Complaints Commission Annual Report published in May 1997.*

Information Requested:

- 1. The full, unredacted copy of the final BCC adjudication and decision regarding this specific complaint.*
- 2. Any archived program summaries or broadcast details associated with this case file, specifically outlining the individuals, properties, or entities featured in the contested Central Television broadcast.*

We have checked the BCC report, and the entry is listed as 'Inappropriate to proceed with complaint' which means that a) there was no adjudication and b) the file was destroyed on 2 February 2012 in line with our retention policy.

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](#).