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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about which companies attended the meeting we were invited to regarding the then Media Bill.

We received this request on 11 May 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

### Your request

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*Thank you for your previous reply. Which of the companies listed were present at the meeting? Who arranged the meeting?*

The referenced listed companies were stated in your [previous request](#):

- Sky
- Virgin Media
- Google
- Samsung
- LG
- Sony
- Panasonic
- Hisense
- Philips
- Toshiba

### Our response

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This meeting was organised by a trade association called techUK. Ofcom was only present for a portion of the meeting to provide an update on our then plans for implementing the Media Bill once it became law.

Ofcom noticed two of the companies you listed above were present at the meeting but we do not hold a complete list of all the companies that were present. However a list of techUK's members is available on their website [here](#).

We are unable to disclose information we obtained by attending this meeting including the names of the companies we are aware attended. We consider this information is exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act. In particular, section 43(2) of the FOI Act. This exemption deals with information

that, if disclosed, would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of a person or company. In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosing the information. Annex A attached to this letter sets out the exemption in full, as well as the factors Ofcom considered when deciding where the public interest lay.

We also consider that other FOI Act exemptions might be applicable here such as section 36(2)(c) of the FOI Act.

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](#).

<p><b>Section 43(2) of the FOI Act provides that:</b></p> <p><b>“Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)”.</b></p>	
Factors for disclosure	Factors for withholding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disclosure would enable the public to gain a better understanding of who Ofcom engage with as part of its work, and thereby increasing public confidence in Ofcom’s work.</li> <li>• Transparency of regulatory activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ofcom engages regularly with stakeholders in order to support its work. This includes attending meetings it is invited to by stakeholders.</li> <li>• We have explained above that we were invited by a trade association called techUK to the meeting in question and we have provided a link to the page that lists the members of this association. To disclose specific information we obtain from attending this meeting, including information on who we noticed attended, would likely impact stakeholder’s commercial interests. In particular, whether a member of techUK chose to attend (or not attend) could enable competitors or other parties to infer commercially sensitive information about that company’s interests, priorities or focus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reasons why public interest favours withholding information</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We consider that, on balance, the potential prejudice to commercial interests of the companies that attended (or didn’t attend) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the names of the companies we are aware were present at the meeting.</li> <li>• Ofcom continues to maintain positive relationships with its stakeholders and stakeholders need to be confident that information relating to their business, will not be disclosed if it would, or would be likely to, prejudice their commercial interests.</li> </ul>	