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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 Online Safety Act Enforcement Expenditure.

We received this request on 29 July 2026 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the FOI Act').

Your request

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 concerning expenditure on enforcement of the Online Safety Act 2023.

Please provide the following information for each financial year since the Online Safety Act's regulatory provisions commenced:

- 1. The total budget allocated by Ofcom specifically to Online Safety Act enforcement activity.*
- 2. The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff dedicated to Online Safety Act enforcement, broken down by financial year.*
- 3. The total staff costs attributable to Online Safety Act enforcement activity, broken down by financial year.*

Our response

We can confirm that for parts 1, 2 and 3 of this request, we do not hold this information in the format requested.

As enforcement activity is distributed across multiple teams, we are unable to identify and provide figures specifically for budgets and all time spent on Online Safety enforcement activity.

Furthermore, Ofcom staff log time spent on a project against different timecodes depending on the nature of their work and are likely to have recorded time spent on enforcement activities to a number of different relevant timecodes, including more general timecodes relating to, for example, policy and supervision work.

You may find it helpful to know that details on our budget, general staff costs and employee numbers are available in our annual report and accounts [Ofcom Annual Report and Accounts 2025-2026](#)

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](#).