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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 concerning spend data over £25,000 since 2019.

We received this request on 3 August 2026. We wrote to you on 1 September 2026 to say we needed more time to consider the public interest in disclosing or withholding the information and we have now concluded this. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'FOI Act').

Your request

I am requesting under the FOI act for all spend over £25,000 from 2019 to until the latest date available, ideally up to March 2026.

I would also like any comms around the decision not to publish this data and any comms about reviewing the decision.

Our response

We have interpreted your request to mean £25,000 excluding V.A.T. and we do hold information in scope of this. However, we consider that given the nature of the request and the resources that would be required to comply with it, we are not obliged to comply with the request under section 14(1) of the FOI Act as it is vexatious.

We have identified approximately 3,330 records of payments made from 2019 – 2026 that exceed £25,000 (excluding V.A.T.). In order to determine whether these payments can be disclosed, we would need to obtain input from the relevant teams across Ofcom on the sensitivity of each record. Given the volume of records involved, and that it dates back to 2019, this would require significant review and consultation, with each entry needing to be assessed to determine what information, if any, can be disclosed. We therefore consider that complying with this request would place an unreasonable and disproportionate burden on Ofcom's resources.

In case helpful, some information about Ofcom's procurement activity and contracts is available on Find a Tender. Some information relating to payments over £30k (Including V.A.T.) will be available here in the future: [Payments Transparency Register - Payments register](#)

We do not hold recorded information regarding a decision not to publish this data. However, Ofcom has previously responded to a number of Freedom of Information requests relating to procurement, contracts and/or expenditure, which are available on our website here: [Published responses to FOI requests](#), some of which contain decisions not to disclose.

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](#).