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Dear,

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning BBC programme rights supplied to UKTV/U.

We received this request on 8 September 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

"I am seeking information held by Ofcom concerning the commercial supply and/or licensing of BBC Public Service programme content and programme rights for exploitation by UKTV, now operating under the U brand, and/or BBC Studios in relation to UKTV/U.

For each financial year from 2019/20 to 2025/26, please provide, where held:

The aggregate annual value of BBC Public Service programme/content rights supplied or licensed for exploitation by UKTV/U.

Any aggregated information held by Ofcom showing the basis on which the commercial or market value of those rights was established.

The number of transactions, packages or rights arrangements reviewed, tested or benchmarked by the BBC or Ofcom against prices available from independent third-party broadcasters, streaming services or distributors.

Any documents, reports, audits, assessments or correspondence held by Ofcom examining whether the prices or terms applying to BBC content ultimately exploited by UKTV/U complied with the requirement for transactions between BBC Public Service and its commercial activities to be conducted on appropriate commercial and arm's-length terms.

Any information held showing whether actual or potential third-party offers for the same or comparable programme rights were used to establish market value.

Any information held showing the methodology used to determine the market value of BBC programme rights subsequently exploited by UKTV/U, including the use of comparable transactions, market benchmarking, competitive tendering, independent valuation or opportunity-cost calculations.

Any aggregated information held comparing the commercial terms for BBC programme rights exploited by UKTV/U with comparable BBC programme rights licensed to unrelated UK broadcasters or streaming services."

Our response

We do not hold information in scope of your request.

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](#).