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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information regarding communication between Melanie Dawes and certain individuals. Your request was received on 3 December 2021 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

You asked:

"Please disclose all communications between Melanie Dawes and the following names individuals that contain the words "Ofcom", "Paul", "Paul Dacre", "Oliver", "Oliver Dowden", "Nadine", "Nadine Dorries", "interview", "Facebook", "Nick Clegg" and "Google" sent between 25th May 2021 and 30th May 2021 and between 27th October 2021 and 10th November 2021:

- * Oliver Dowden MP
- * Nadine Dorries MP
- * Paul Dacre
- * Boris Johnson MP
- * Sarah Healey, Permanent Secretary at DCMS

I would like to remind you of the recent updated guidance from the ICO on official communications held in non-corporate communication channels which can be found here <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi-and-eir-guidance/official-information-held-in-non-corporate-communications-channels/><<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fico.org.uk%2Ffor-organisations%2Ffoi-and-eir-guidance%2Fofficial-information-held-in-non-corporate-communications-channels%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cinformation.requests%40ofcom.org.uk%7Cdecdb63e4775470052e708d9b68334bf%7C0af648de310c40688ae4f9418bae24cc%7C0%7C1%7C637741496904505669%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=IAGINjqtjUjUIMSxqseoPydjOqPk57rm5JYAIORyEnU%3D&reserved=0>> Please read my FOI request in this context - I would like all communications covered in the scope of my request across any and all messaging platforms between the named individuals on this topic."

Our response

We have searched for any communications between Dame Melanie and any of the named individuals in your request or their Secretary of State/Permanent Secretary email addresses that contain the words "Ofcom", "Paul", "Paul Dacre", "Oliver", "Oliver Dowden", "Nadine", "Nadine Dorries", "interview", "Facebook", "Nick Clegg" and "Google" sent between 25th May 2021 and 30th May 2021 and between 27th October 2021 and 10th November 2021. I can confirm we do not hold any communications.

If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Julia Snape

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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