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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information asking for the number of licensed broadcasters in the UK. We received this request on 9 May 2022 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

You asked:

We would like to know to put in a research paper how many broadcasters in UK. Would you mind if you could share number of licensed broadcasters (TV, Radio and On Demand) in United Kingdom (Only broadcasting to UK).

Our response

We do hold information in scope of your request. The information that follows was captured on 7th June 2022. These figures are subject to change as a result of various factors including, but not limited to, new licences being granted, licence surrenders, licence transfers and the expiry of short-term licences.

Total number of licences (TV and Radio): 1214

TV licences: 304

Radio licences: 910

On demand programme services (ODPS): There are currently 118 notified providers of ODPS services. This refers to the number of broadcasters providing this service. Please note there is not a licencing regime for ODPS.

We are unable to say whether these broadcasters solely broadcast in the UK, as it would take a check of each licenses record to get this information which would take us over the time limit for responding to requests under the Act.

For further information please see Ofcom's website where we list the licenced/ regulated services in these areas: [Radio](#), [TV](#) and [ODPS](#).

If you have any queries, then please contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Childs

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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#).

Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

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