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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning IX Wireless, Internexus, 6G Internet. Your request was received on 17 July 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

Your request

"Please publish all details held by Ofcom relating to IX Wireless, Internexus, 6G Internet, and any other companies that are involved in the provision of 'Fixed Wireless' services in the UK by IX Wireless.

Also, and in particular, please publish the document 'ix-wireless-limited-and-internexus.pdf', which comes up in internet search results, but which is 'not found' on Ofcom's website, at this link:

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/ data/assets/p..<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/ data/assets/pdf file/00 18/205209/ix-wireless-limited-and-internexus.pdf>"

Our response

We consider that your request is too broad in scope and would require us to search through every file/record held by the different teams in Ofcom, both on paper and electronically (including individual email boxes), without a specified timeframe.

Section 12 of the Act provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the "appropriate limit". The appropriate limit is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, and is, for Ofcom, £450. That sum is intended to cover the estimated costs involved in determining whether Ofcom holds the information requested, identifying, locating, retrieving and extracting the information from any document containing it. The Regulations provide that costs are to be estimated at a rate of £25 per person per hour.

Ofcom estimates that it would take at least 18 hours to identify, locate and extract the information you require and as such the cost of complying with your request will exceed the appropriate limit.

We will therefore not be able to provide any information in connection with your request. You may find it helpful to refer to similar FOI requests we have recently published here:

IX-Wireless-and-IXWBuild.pdf (ofcom.org.uk)

follow-up-IX-Wireless-and-IXWBuild.pdf (ofcom.org.uk)

Complaints-about-IX-Wireless.pdf (ofcom.org.uk)

All-info-Ofcom-holds-on-IX-Wireless.pdf

You can find some information on IX Wireless Limited that is publicly available on our website:

- * IX Wireless appears in the list of Electronic Communications Code: https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/information-for-industry/policy/electronic-comm-code/register-of-persons-with-powers-under-the-electronic-communications-code (Code) operators on our website.
- * We also published here: https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-3/ix-wireless-limited our consultation and initial direction relating to its application to become a Code operator and here https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-3/modify-code-powers-ix-wireless-limited our consultation and final direction relating to the modification of its powers under the Code.

The broken webpage link you referred to is a previous FOI request that has since been archived from the website. It is available on the National Archives website here: <u>ix-wireless-limited-and-internexus.pdf</u> (nationalarchives.gov.uk)

I hope this information is helpful. Please quote the above reference number in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Information Requests

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.reguests@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 Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF