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### Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Communications between Nominet and Ofcom up to 14 March 2022.

We received this request on 6 February 2023 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

#### Your request and our response

*OK, please narrow the scope to run up to 14th March 2022 and work backwards until the cost cap is reached.*

We consider that your request is still too broad in scope. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act), public bodies are 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" as explained previously, and they are also not obliged to search for information in scope of the request until the cost limit is reached. Carrying out such an exercise would take a substantial amount of time and resource. We did however provide you with emails that related to the particular communications you inquired about. For further guidance please see the ICO's guidance: [costs of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.pdf \(ico.org.uk\)](#)

Should you wish to submit a more focused narrow request, we shall consider this under the FOI Act. Should you decide to make a further request for information, please note that other exemptions may apply.

Kind regards,

Temiloluwa Dawodu

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](mailto: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:

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