

Reference: 01571393

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## Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Communications Consumer Panel contacts with tobacco industry.

We received this request on 20 February 2023 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Your request

You asked:

*Please provide a list of any and all contact your organisation and/or staff have had with British American Tobacco, Imperial Brands, Japan Tobacco International, Philip Morris International, as well as any other domestic or transnational tobacco companies or anyone representing the tobacco industry including subsidiaries of tobacco industry.*

*I would like this information for the period from 1 April 2021 to 20 February 2023.*

*Contact would primarily include attending or arranging meetings or functions, and responding to correspondence or phone calls.*

*Please break down the information by:*

- \* Tobacco company or representative's name*
- \* Date of contact(s)*
- \* Type of contact (meeting, email, letter, phone call, text/app message or video call, e-card or any other form of electronic communication)*
- \* Place of contact, if relevant*
- \* Purpose of contact*
- \* Outcome of contact, including if no action taken*

## Our response

I have investigated your request and can confirm we do not hold any of the information you have requested.

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

Yours sincerely,

Information Requests Team

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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