

Reference: 01596878

Information Requests  
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4 May 2023

### Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning staffing and spend on external consultancy and legal. Your request was received on 11 April 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### Your request & our response

*‘How many people work for Ofcom, in total and as full time equivalents?’*

As at 31 March 2022 Ofcom had 1,189 employees (full time equivalents). An updated figure will be published in late Spring/Summer in our 2022/2023 annual report [here](#).

*‘How much did you spend last year ear on consultancy and on legal advice from outside Ofcom?’*

We have interpreted “last year” as the last financial year therefore the following figures relate to the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Figures are inclusive of VAT.

These figures are provided in our [21/22 Annual Report](#) where *consultancy and legal advice external spend is included within* “Professional fees”. Professional fees include spend related to services provided to support operations including business and commercial services, environmental services, financial services, operational audits, legal and technical advice.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2022

### 6. OTHER OPERATING EXPENDITURE

	Ofcom £'000	Spectrum clearance £'000	Third party litigation £'000	Total 2021/22 £'000	Ofcom £'000	Spectrum clearance £'000	Third party litigation £'000	Total 2020/21 £'000
Auditors remuneration – statutory audit fees	127	–	–	127	89	–	–	89
Auditors remuneration – Section 400	16	–	–	16	16	–	–	16
Professional fees	6,627	191	–	6,818	4,815	1,324	–	6,139

Updated figures will be published in late Spring/Summer in our 2022/2023 annual report [here](#).

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

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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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