

Reference: 01806319

Information Requests information.requests@ofcom.org.uk

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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your follow-up request for information concerning Ofcom and the Balen report.

We received this request on 9 April 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your follow-up request & our response

Can you then confirm whether Ofcom has seen/been shown/viewed/had sight of/reviewed/been to the BBC to look at/Ofcom employee(s) ever seen the Balen report?

This question is asking for a yes/no or view rather than recorded information and does not fall under the scope of a freedom of information request.

As per our <u>previous response</u>, we do not hold a copy of this report. You may wish to contact the BBC directly.

Can you provide all Ofcom internal documentation relating to and/or summaries of the Balen report.

Can you provide all communications between the BBC and Ofcom in relation to the Balen Report.

We do not hold the information you have requested.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress.

Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.