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

Thank you for your request for information concerning respondents to amateur radio licence changes. This request was received on 11 January 2024 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

#### Your request

*"I strongly object to the dropping of the compulsory use of RSLs.*

*These are historic and provide numerous benefits to Radio Amateurs here and abroad.*

*They provide a proud sense of identity to those in the different parts of the Realm.*

*Responses to this variation are likely to have been skewed statistically due to the greater number of Radio Amateurs in England compared to the regions.*

*Can you please provide a breakdown of respondees from England and the Regions.*

*I suspect that this variation is simply to make life easier for OFCOM IT systems.*

*I have no objection to the introduction of adding the "E" to the prefix in England, perhaps that will eventually become the norm"*

#### Our response

We note the representation that you have made concerning the variation to your licence. We are in the process of considering all representations before publishing our final decision.

In relation to your FOI request for a breakdown of respondents from England and the regions, we can confirm that we do not hold this information. This is because we did not ask respondents which region they were from or their address on the consultation response form. For further information, the questions that we asked and all non-confidential responses that were received can be found [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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