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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about commercial radio licences.

We initially received this request on 26 May 2024, and it was clarified by you on 7 June 2024. We have considered your clarified request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

Your request

- 1. Number of commercial radio licences in use - most recent figures to those in 2019. If both (analogue commercial licences, digital commercial licences are possible) it would be greatly appreciated but if cost is an issue I would prefer if DAB was dropped.*
- 2. If possible: The number of stations (re-)named under the '(Greatest) Hits' branding - most recent figures to those in 2019*
- 3. If possible: number of (radio) stations currently owned by Bauer Media Audio UK- most recent figures to those in 2019*

Our response

Please find the numbers you have requested as of June 2024. Our licensing database is a 'live' system, which means we are unable to look at historical data. As such, the information we have provided reflects the current licensing position and does not compare or reflect the licensing position in 2019 as we do not hold this information.

Number of analogue commercial radio licences	247
Number of digital commercial radio licences	329
Number of (radio) stations currently owned by Bauer Media Audio UK	107
Number of licences which are currently used to broadcast Greatest Hits Radio and Hits Radio	81

We hope this information is helpful. 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](#).