

Reference: 01824940

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Ofcom's editorial regulations on the BBC.

We received this request on 24 May 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

I hereby request the following records:

1. Any emails, including attachments to said emails from Ofcom's Board -- the Chair Michael Grade, Chief Executive Melanie Dawes, Executive Member Lindsey Fussell, and other Non-executive members -- to the BBC's Board or editorial board regarding live coverage of South Africa's address at the International Court of Justice, the Hague, from January 8, 2024, to January 12, 2024.

2. Any correspondence dated between January 8, 2024, to January 12, 2024, from Ofcom's Board with members duly noted in (1) above to the BBC's Board, mentioning "Post Office."

3. The calendars of Ofcom Board members listed above and any communications including text messages -- sent or received between January 8, 2024, to January 12, 2024 -- that discuss the BBC's editorial policies or content between members of Ofcom's Board (listed above) and any members or individuals at:

- the UK's Prime Minister's Office;*
- Cabinet Office;*
- Department for Culture, Media, and Sport; or,*
- the Home Office, including from former Home Secretary Suella Braverman.*

Please note that this request seeks public records including on devices or networks owned or operated by private parties. For example, if an employee uses a personal cell phone or social media account to conduct public business, records created, maintained, or held on the phone or said account are public records subject to this request.

When fulfilling this request, please exclude emails from mailing lists, which can often be identified by excluding emails with keyword "unsubscribe." If the records office has an alternative method for excluding emails from mailing lists, kindly employ that methodology.

Our response

We have conducted a search and can confirm that we do not hold any information that falls within the scope of your requests.

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](#).