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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for the report submitted regarding the proposed acquisition of The Telegraph newspaper by RB Investco Limited.

We received this request on 30 April 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

"Please provide a copy of the report submitted in March by Ofcom to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport in relation to the proposed acquisition of The Telegraph newspaper by RB Investco Limited.

For clarity, by acquisition of The Telegraph, please take this to mean the acquisition of any of the following entities: The Telegraph Media Group Limited, Telegraph Media Group Holdings Limited, the business or assets of Telegraph Media Group Limited or the business or assets of Telegraph Media Group Holdings Limited.

By RB Investco Limited, please take this to mean RB Investco Limited and/or any of its parent undertakings, subsidiary undertakings, or interconnected undertakings (including without limitation RB IMI AIV Limited Partnership), or any of its assignees, transferees or successors in title."

Our response

We confirm that we do hold this information. There is a statutory duty under section 107(3) of the Enterprise Act 2002 on the Secretary of State to publish any report by Ofcom which she has received under section 44 of that Act. DCMS has confirmed that the Secretary of State will be publishing the information requested in due course. Accordingly, the information requested is therefore exempt under section 22 of the FOI Act on the grounds that it is held by the Secretary of State with a view to its publication, and it is reasonable in all the circumstances to withhold the information until such publication.

Please note that other exemptions may apply.

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.