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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Public Service Broadcasting Review.

We received this request on 12 July 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

Ofcom has the following notice on its (your) website:

Approved application: Winter Olympics 2022

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Discovery and the BBC have written to Ofcom to set out their plans for coverage of the next Winter Olympics (PDF, 182.7 KB), due to take place in Beijing from 4 to 20 February 2022. The Olympic Games are designated by the UK Government as a "Listed Event" which means broadcasters' plans for live coverage may, in some circumstances, require Ofcom's consent.

Given the public interest in this issue, we are publishing this note to explain why, in this case, the broadcasters' coverage plans do not require consent from Ofcom.

As we recommended in our Public Service Broadcasting Review last summer, we think there is a case for Government to consider whether to update the Listed Events rules in a way that would best serve UK audiences and strengthen the benefits of the UK's public service broadcaster

I am unable to find the Public Service Broadcasting Review mentioned in the statement above on your website. Therefore, I am making this freedom of information request to request a copy of the Public Service Broadcasting Review referred to in the statement above.

It would be helpful if, as part of your response to my freedom of information request, you would be able to highlight to me where in the report the recommendation for the "Government to consider whether to update the Listed Events rules in a way that would best serve UK audiences and strengthen the benefits of the UK's public service broadcaster," is located.

Our response

We understand your request relates to [Recommendations to Government on the Future of Public Service Media \(July 2021\)](#). The Listed Events regime is mentioned at paragraphs 4.18 – 4.20. The document can be found on the microsite for our last PSB Review '[Small Screen: Big Debate](#)', or on the Ofcom website [here](#).

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](#).