

Reference: 01986357

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning correspondence between Ofcom and GAB.

We received this request on 15 April 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

Please could you release all correspondence with GAB, redacted not to reveal peoples sensitive information.

Our response

While we hold information which is in scope of your request, we are withholding this as we consider it is exempt from disclosure under section 44(1) of the FOI Act. Under section 44(1) of the FOI Act, information is exempt from disclosure if its disclosure is prohibited by or under any enactment. In this case, section 393(1) of the Communications Act 2003 (the "Communications Act") prohibits the disclosure of information about a particular business, such as GAB, which we have obtained in the course of exercising a power conferred by, among other legislation, the Communications Act, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act is met, neither of which apply here. Section 44 is an absolute exemption under the Communications Act and does not require a public interest test.

I 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](#).