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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about the Broadcasting Code consultation cost.

We received this request on 5 November 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

Please provide the full cost incurred by Ofcom in conducting its consultation on a proposed amendment to Rule 5.3 of the Ofcom Broadcasting Code.

This should include:

- 1. all costs incurred in preparing the consultation (before its launch on 12 May 2025);*
- 2. all costs incurred during the consultation process (between 12 May 2025 and 23 June 2025), and;*
- 3. all costs incurred between the consultation process closing up to, and including, Ofcom's statement published on 20 October 2025.*

Our response

We do not hold this information. The costs involved in conducting the [consultation](#) into amending Rule 5.3 of the Broadcasting Code include costs relating to staff, research, professional advice, admin, and stakeholder engagement. Due to the way in which timesheet information is recorded on our system, as explained in our response to your related request on the number of hours spent by Ofcom staff on activities relating to this consultation, we do not hold these related costs, either separately or in aggregate, for each stage of the consultation process, nor a total cost for all stages.

To understand more about Ofcom's process in conducting this consultation, it may be useful to refer to the "Background and rationale" section of the [consultation document](#), and the "Responses to the consultation" section of our [statement](#).

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](#).