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Information Requests  
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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about complaints and investigations regarding Jeremy Clarkson.

We received this request on 18 June 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Your request

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1. *Complaints received regarding Jeremy Clarkson between the years 2002 and 2025*
2. *Investigation reports regarding complaints of Mr Clarkson and details of what these complaints entail.*

### Our response

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By way of background, Ofcom publishes decisions about complaints we have received in the [Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin](#) ("the Bulletin") every fortnight on our website. The Bulletin covers a range of cases, including those which Ofcom has escalated for full investigation, those which Ofcom has decided not to pursue because they did not raise issues warranting investigation, and those which fall outside Ofcom's remit (e.g. under the BBC's Charter and Agreement set by Parliament. Complaints about BBC programmes are considered under a system of "BBC First", whereby a viewer or listener must normally complain to the BBC in the first instance and complete the BBC's complaints process before complaining to Ofcom). Ofcom assesses every complaint it receives, and while a complaint may provide contextual background to a programme, when Ofcom is conducting an initial assessment or investigation, it reaches its own view as to whether there may have been, and then whether there has been, a breach of the [Ofcom Broadcasting Code](#) ("the Code").

Turning to your first request, complaints at assessment stage are published in [the Bulletin](#), under the 'Complaints assessed, not pursued' page, which allows you to filter by service, issue and bulletin number. You can find complaints from before 2020 in our [pre-2020 bulletins](#), where complaints assessed but not investigated can be found in table form at the end of each bulletin, sorted by service. Complaints from before 2003 are searchable on [The National Archives](#) website, under the 'Bulletins' and 'Fairness Adjudications' sections. It may be useful in navigating these complaint bulletins to note that since 2002 Jeremy Clarkson has presented *Top Gear* (on the BBC until 2015) and *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire* (on ITV since 2018).

With regards to your second request, we can confirm that there have been 7 investigations related to a show presented by Jeremy Clarkson (*Top Gear*) within the specified time period. Information

regarding these investigations can be found in the following issues of the (pre-2020) [Bulletin](#): 85, 123, 145, 168, 179, 259 and 284.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).