

Reference: 1999680

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Ofcom's oversight of Charles Gurassa and Dawn Airey.

We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

Please provide me, under FOIA, with all documents relating to Ofcom's oversight of Charles Gurassa and Dawn Airey as former Chair and Interim Chair of Channel 4 respectively

Our response

We note that your request does not include a date range. We also note that we have provided information, where legislation allows, under a large number of previous FOI and subject access requests related to the Channel 4 Board, including information likely to be covered by this request. We also note that a range of Ofcom employees have expended many tens of hours responding to your complaints and requests since 2022 on very similar matters. The resource drain on the organisation has become a significant one and disproportionately burdensome. Under section 14(1) of the FOI Act Ofcom is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further.

In considering this matter I have also taken into account in particular:

- (a) Information regarding C4 Board matters has been provided to you through a large number of past FOI and subject access requests and Corporation Secretary processes.
- (b) While we understand your personal interest from the subject-matter of your requests and complaints, aside from the general public interest in understanding how Ofcom oversees the Channel 4 Board, you have not articulated to us the specific public interest in the disclosure of the additional information which is the subject of your widely scoped requests including this one. This request in particular is wide and has the character of a "fishing expedition", in circumstances where Ofcom has already been open as to our remit over the Channel 4 Chair and Board. Given the proximity of this request to your other recent request, we are concerned as to whether your motive for making this request is deliberately designed to impact our resources, rather than having a serious purpose.
- (c) These are not matters in relation to which Ofcom understands there is a more general current public interest. It is our understanding that your requests are motivated to a significant extent by a private interest.

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](#).