

5 December 2023

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Ofcom's funding and mission statement, which act of Parliament Ofcom is controlled by, and Ofcom's Dun & Bradstreet's registration number. This request was received on 10 November 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

Your request & our response

"Please provide how much Ofcom gets from the taxpayers. Please provide a mission statement for Ofcom. Please provide what Act of parliament Ofcom is controlled by. Please provide the Dun and Bradstreet registration number."

As stated on our [website](#), Ofcom is independent and funded by fees paid to Ofcom by the companies that it regulates.

Further information relating to Ofcom's funding is available on our website - please see page 126 of our [2022/2023 Annual Report](#) which details our income and the sectors it relates to. Future Annual Reports will be published [here](#).

"Please provide a mission statement for Ofcom."

As stated in our [Plan of Work for 2023/2024](#), Ofcom's mission is "to make communications work for everyone".

"Please provide what Act of parliament Ofcom is controlled by."

As explained in our [2022/2023 Annual report](#), Ofcom was established under the Office of Communications Act 2002 and operates under a number of Acts of Parliament. The Communications Act 2003 states that our principal duty in carrying out our functions is to further the interests of citizens in relation to communications matters and to further the interests of consumers in relevant markets, where appropriate by promoting competition.

Other relevant Acts covering Ofcom's duties and functions include the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006, the Postal Services Act 2011, the Digital Economy Act 2017, the Telecommunications (Security) Act 2021 and the Online Safety Act 2023. Please also see the [legislative background](#) section of our website for further details on what Acts of Parliament Ofcom is controlled by in relation to broadcasting.

“Please provide the Dun and Bradstreet registration number.”

All Dun and Bradstreet registration numbers can be located on Dun and Bradstreet’s website at the [following link](#). However, for ease of reference Ofcom’s Dun and Bradstreet (D-U-N-S) number is 233441174.

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

Information Requests

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner’s Office [here](#). Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner’s Office
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Wilmslow
Cheshire
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