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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 the impartiality rules that apply to broadcasting channels.

We received this request on 31 October 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

Could you please tell me (Under freedom of information) over the last 5 years how many times has the 1. BBC 2. Sky 3 ITV broken Impartiality laws and how much has each broadcaster been fined.

Our response

This information is obtainable in Ofcom's [Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin](#), available on our website.

Of the broadcasters you list in your request, within the last 5 years the BBC was found to be in breach of the Broadcasting Code rules on due impartiality on one occasion. A copy of our decision can be found [here](#). There have been no breaches of the due impartiality rules recorded against Sky or ITV within the same period.

There have been no sanctions against these broadcasters in that period in relation to breaches of the due impartiality rules.

We 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

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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](#).