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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 concerning interference with critical communication systems.

We received this request on 15 October 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

### Your request

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*"I'm just wondering if you could provide up to date figures on the number of cases Ofcom responded to of illegal broadcasting interfering with critical radio communications (emergency services and aircraft systems).*

*The most recent figure I could find is from Ofcom's illegal broadcasting fact sheet (<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/siteassets/resources/documents/consumers/2009/07/factsheet.pdf?v=334273>) which is from 2013.*

*Would you be able to provide me with these figures for the years from 2014-2023?"*

### Our response

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Please see the number of cases raised for Interference to critical services from 2014 to (28 October) 2024:

Year	Count of Case Number
2014	1
2016	2
2017	16
2018	60
2019	47
2020	44
2021	45
2022	71
2023	28
2024	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>

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](#).