

Consultation: Sanctions in broadcast cases.

Question 1

In principle yes. However we feel the turnaround time for the initial response should be increased from seven working days to ten (Para 15), and that the turnaround time for the second response should be increased from five working days to seven. (Para 18)

Question 2

Yes: subject to an extension of the response times suggested above.

Question 3

Once again we agree in principle, but would welcome an increase in the response time allowed from five working days to ten. (Para 26)

Question 4

In view of the fact that licensees would have fewer opportunities to respond, we feel it might be appropriate to grant them the right to appeal against any sanction imposed; this appeal to be heard by an independent body separate from Ofcom. In this way, the process would ensure compatibility with the Human Rights Act 1998.