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Dear Ms Brooke

Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information regarding Ofcom's Register of Gifts & Hospitality

I am writing to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request for information needs to be extended. It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working day time limit for issuing a response. In this case, this is because the information requested must be considered under one of the exemptions which exempt Ofcom from releasing the information, to which a public interest test applies. The exemption concerned is in section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act, which deals with information that would or would likely prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs, which includes inhibiting the free and frank exchange of views. This extra time is needed in order to make a determination as to the public interest in releasing the information. I hope to let you have a response as soon as possible.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'EM', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Eleanor Berg

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

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 undertaking internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case, but we aim to conclude all internal reviews within 2 months. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact:

Graham Howell
The Secretary to the Corporation
Ofcom
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9HA

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF