

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Contact between IPO and Google and/or YouTube

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**Information request:**

Can you please tell me of any inter-departmental relations which may exist [or have existed previously] between IPO and Google and/or YouTube - for example, can you tell me if there has been liaison between IPO employees and agents or employees of Google & YouTube, or if there are consultation process amounting to contact between yourselves and YouTube/Google or agents or lobbyists employed by the Google company and/or subsidiaries?

**Information released:**

I can confirm that IPO liaises regularly with stakeholders from numerous sectors, particularly when we consult on legislative reforms. This includes Google, which has responded to our consultation processes on a number of occasions. You can view responses to consultations from our stakeholders, including Google here: <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/pro-policy/consult.htm>

Google is also a member of a joint forum between creative industries and the Government, known as the Creative Industry Council. The Council focuses on areas where there are barriers to growth facing the sector, such as access to finance, skills, export markets, regulation, intellectual property (IP) and infrastructure. More information on the work of the Council can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/creative-industries-council>