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**Title:** Summary of calls for views on Digital Single Market proposals

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**Information request:**

Can you please provide your internal summaries of the evidence and views from your two Calls for Views on the EU's proposals to reform copyright to help create a Digital Single Market:

[1] <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/copyright-in-europe-call-for-views> (Copyright in Europe - call for views, 15 July 2013)

[2] <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-views-modernising-the-european-copyright-framework> (Call for views: Modernising the European copyright framework, 25 October 2016).

**Information released:**

With regard to the first part of your request, the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) holds an internal document entitled 'Future Copyright – Call for Views'. The main part of this document however is exempt from disclosure under section 35 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, because it consists of information relating to the formulation or development of government policy.

Section 35 is a 'qualified' exemption, which means that the IPO is obliged to consider whether the balance of public interest favours withholding or disclosing the information requested. Having considered this matter carefully we conclude that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure at this time and the main text of the document is therefore withheld.

However, we are content to disclose the annexes to the document which summarise the responses in key areas.

With regard to the second part of your request, the IPO holds a number of relevant documents which have been summarised in a letter to the House of Commons European Select Committee, which is publically available at: [http://europeanmemoranda.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/files/2017/03/HoC\\_Scrutiny\\_response.pdf](http://europeanmemoranda.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/files/2017/03/HoC_Scrutiny_response.pdf)