



**GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**PATI Information Statement**

**Name of Public Authority: BROADCASTING COMMISSION**

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**Introduction:**

The Public Access to Information Act of 2010 not only grants the public the statutory right to access information about how its government operates but also affirms the Government's obligation to provide information upon request. To promote transparency in its operations, the Broadcasting Commission issues this statement to offer insight into its functions, services, and obligations to the public. The information provided includes operating procedures, documents governing the Commission's decision-making processes, and general information about its day-to-day activities.

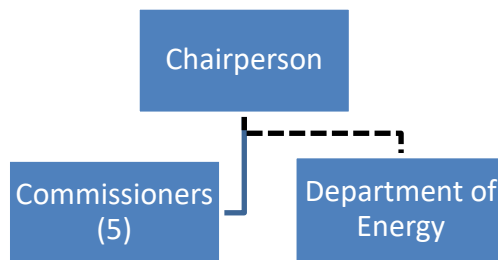
Please note that, despite its name, the Department of Energy is also responsible for Telecommunications, Space, and Satellite matters, following its merger with the Department of Telecommunications in 2018. The Broadcasting Commission is a 'reactive' body and convenes only when there are matters requiring attention.

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**Section A: Structure, Organization and Legislation [sS(l)a]**

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## Legislation

Telecommunications Act 1986 (only those sections relating to Broadcasting)  
Films (Control of Exhibition) Act 1959  
Obscene Publications Act 1973  
Television Broadcasting Service Regulations 1994  
Political Broadcasting Directions 1980  
Sound Broadcasting Service Regulations 1994  
Broadcasting Commissioners Act 1953  
Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971  
Government Fees Act 1965

### Section B: 1) Functions, powers, duties of the Authority [s5(1)b]

#### Powers of the Broadcasting Commission

The duties and powers of the Broadcasting Commission are outlined in the Broadcasting Commissioners Act 1953.

#### Duties of the Broadcasting Commission

As required by the Broadcasting Commissioners Act 1953, the Commission's duties are to:

- Review and rate films;
- Review and address broadcasting complaints;
- Provide advice and guidance to the Minister responsible for Broadcasting and Telecommunications;
- Conduct inquiries into any matter which may affect the exercise of the Minister's powers under the Broadcasting Commissioners Act 1953; and
- Advise the Minister in the discharge of the Minister's functions under the Broadcasting Commissioners Act 1953.

### Section B: 2) Obligations under PATI Act 1s5(1)b]

To provide an **information statement** for the public and promulgate it [s5],

- To provide **other information** to the public so that the public needs only to have minimum resort to the use of the Act to obtain information [s6]. This includes:
  - General information, e.g. activities of the Authority
  - Log of all information requests and their outcome
  - Quarterly expenditure (upon request) [s6(5)]
  - Contracts valued at \$50,000 or more.
- To **respond to information requests** in a timely manner [s12-16]
- To **track information requests**, and provide this data to the Information Commissioner
- To respond to requests from the Information Commissioner [s9]
- To **amend personal information** held by the Authority that it is wrong or misleading

following a written request by the person to whom the information relates [s19]

- To conduct an **internal review** if formally requested [part 5]
- To give evidence for **review** by **the Information Commissioner** [part 6, 47(4)], or for **judicial review** [s49], if required
- To provide an **annual written report** to the Information Commissioner of the status of information requests [s58 (3)].
- **To do anything else as required** under the PATI Act and subsequent Regulations [s59, 60], including:
  - **Fees** for Requests for information
  - Management and maintenance of **records**
  - **Procedures** for administering the Act
- To **train staff and make arrangements** so as to facilitate compliance with the Act [s61]
- To **designate one of its officers** to be the person to whom requests are directed [s62]

### **Section C: Services and Programmes [sS(l)c]**

#### **Services:**

The Broadcasting Commission reviews and rates films, and conducts inquiries as directed by the Minister responsible for Telecommunications and Broadcasting.

### **Section D: Records and documents held [sS(l)d]**

The Broadcasting Commission keeps records of meetings held.

### **Section E: Administration (all public access) manuals [sS(l)e]**

- Broadcasting Commissioners Act 1953
- Financial Instructions

### **Section F: Decision-making documents [s5(1)f]**

- Broadcasting Commissioners Act 1953
- Financial Instructions

### **Section G: The Information officer [s5(1)g]**

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### **Section H: Any Other Information (s5(1)h)**

**None**

**Section I: Any Other Information To be Provided? [s5(1)i]**

**None**

**Section J: Information Statement: Copies and Updates [s5(2,3,4,5)]**

Every public authority shall update its information statement at least once a year, and make it available for inspection by the public at reasonable times by [s5(1-5), PATI Act]:

**Date Information Statement was updated: 7 January 2025**

**Locations of Information Statement:**

*Confirm copies of Information Statement are available at the following sites:*

- Your principal office: 3rd Floor Government Administration Building, 30 Parliament Street, Hamilton HM12 Y
- The Bermuda National Library; y
- The Bermuda Archives; y
- Available electronically, y
- Website for public authority 19 [www.gov.bm](http://www.gov.bm) y
- Have you published a notice in the Gazette indicating the places where the information statement is available for the public? Y
- With the Information Commissioner. y

***Sign and Date:***



7 January 2025