

From: [FOI](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 40/17 EC Research and Consultancy Projects Response
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Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI 40/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **19 April 2017**, received by us on 20th April 2017.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

You have requested:

I would like to see a list of all the research and consultancy projects between the Commission and universities (including contracts with permanent university staff members) from Jan 1 2007 to the present day, including the project title, the institution, the principal investigators/lead personnel, the value of the contract and the contract's start and end dates.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested. The data is presented in the table below.

	Project	Institution	Personnel	Contract value	Start date	End date
1	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2007	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£30,230	24 April 2007	3 September 2007
2	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2007 (Scotland)	Lancaster University	David Denver	£11,000	24 April 2007	3 September 2007
3	Public opinion research around the 2007 local elections in England.	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£36,442	9 February 2007	6 August 2007
4	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2008	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£36,740	14 April 2008	1 September 2008
5	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2009	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£30,360	14 April 2009	7 September 2009

6	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2010	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£50,590	12 April 2010	6 September 2010
7	Attitudes of electoral agents at 2010 UK parliamentary general election	Brunel University	Justin Fisher	£9,990	23 March 2010	9 August 2010
8	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2011	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£59,490	22 March 2011	5 September 2011
9	Media content analysis	University of Exeter	Susan Banducci	£20,597.02	31 March 2011	26 August 2011
10	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2012	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£21,000	4 April 2012	27 August 2012
11	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2012 (Scotland)	University of Lincoln	Hugh Bochel	£10,178.50	4 April 2012	27 August 2012
12	Collection and analysis of electoral data November 2012	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£10,010	11 September 2012	21 January 2013
13	Reflections on a new structure for the United Kingdom's electoral law	University of Buckingham	Robert Watt	£29,425	1 August 2012	31 August 2013
14	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2013	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£16,307	11 March 2013	2 September 2013
15	Confirmation process – regression analysis	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£3,850	19 June 2013	4 November 2013
16	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2014	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£29,910	3 April 2014	1 September 2014
17	Understanding electoral fraud vulnerability in Pakistani and Bangladeshi origin communities in England: A view of local	University of Manchester / University of Liverpool	Maria Sobolewska / Stuart Wilks-Heeg	£40,496.80	11 April 2014	18 June 2015

	political activists					
18	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2015	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£53,450	9 March 2015	7 September 2015
19	British Election Study – electoral registration analysis	University of Manchester	Dr Ed Fieldhouse	£38,143	29 January 2014	Ongoing
20	Attitudes of electoral agents at 2015 UK parliamentary general election	Brunel University	Justin Fisher	£9,987	3 March 2015	6 July 2015
21	An evaluation of electoral administration at the EU Referendum	University of Newcastle / University of East Anglia	Alistair Clark / Toby James	£10,000	26 April 2016	9 September 2016
22	Research among permitted participants at the EU referendum	Brunel University	Justin Fisher	£10,000	27 April 2016	2 September 2016
23	Collection and analysis of electoral data May 2016	Elections Centre, University of Plymouth	Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher	£58,584	21 March 2016	5 September 2016
24	May 2017 local elections in Scotland – data collection and analysis	University of Lincoln	Hugh Bochel	£13,601	8 March 2017	Ongoing

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority.

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information-requests/how-do-i-make-an-foi-request>.

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely





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