From:

Sent: 30 August 2017 12:28

To:

Subject: FOI 123/17 2015 UKPGE Scottish Conservative Invoices - Response

Dear

Our Ref: FOI 123/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **02 August 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:

Copies of invoices for the 2015 general election in Scotland Scottish conservative campaign

Copies of invoices from the royal mail, hill hay ltd and treehouse print I can review invoice total but would like a copy of the actual receipts for these invoices

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

Political parties contesting the UK Parliamentary general election in 2015 had to deliver a return of expenditure along with all invoices or receipts for items of expenditure over £200. We publish this information on our interactive database, *PEF Online*.

The information that we published for the 2015 election includes the return from the Conservative and Unionist Party. This return is for the party's campaign across the whole of GB and can be filtered for expenditure related to Scotland. Likewise it can be analysed for invoices or receipts relating to specific suppliers.

Please note that the requirement is for an invoice or receipt, so we do not hold both for the same payment.

The database can be found <u>here</u>. The results can also be exported as a CSV file to assist with analysis.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority, but in some circumstances we cannot responsibly

release requested information, and we ask for your understanding in this regard.

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-ofinformation-requests/how-do-l-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: https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely,

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