From: <u>FOI</u>

To: Cc: FO

Subject: RE: FOI 167/17 Expenditure by Parties Train Travel - Response

**Date:** 30 October 2017 16:14:42



## Our Ref: FOI 167/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 23 October 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.

I am seeking to receive a breakdown of total expenditure on trains by the Labour Party, the Conservative Party, the Liberal Democrats and UKIP between the dates of 18/04/2017 to 08/06/2017.

I am requesting the breakdown to include the destinations of all journeys and the prices paid. Please can you include all evidence which shows what the actual sources of funding were, the identities of all third parties and how much was contributed to train expenditure through transactions made by such parties.

Our response is as follows:

## We do not hold the information you have requested.

The political parties that you have named in your request must deliver a report of their 2017 general election expenditure to us by 8 November 2017. You will be able to see these expenditure reports, along with invoices and receipts for expenditure items over £200, when we publish them on our website in February or March 2018.

Further guidance on the rules for political parties and their reporting requirements can be found <u>here</u>.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. 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-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: <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>

Yours sincerely,

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