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Subject: RE: FOI 176/17 Manchester Mayoral Candidate Spending Returns - Response  
Date: 27 November 2017 16:59:15

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Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI 176/17**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **15 November 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.

**1) The submitted 'Return of Candidate Spending' form completed by all candidates of the Greater Manchester Mayoral Election 2017, including:**

**Sean Anstee (Conservative candidate), Andy Burnham (Labour candidate), Jane Brophy (Liberal Democrat candidate), Shneur Odze (UKIP candidate), Will Patterson (Green Party candidate) et al.**

Our response is as follows:

**We hold the information you have requested.**

We do hold copies of the returns of candidate spending you have requested.

However, we consider this information is exempt under Section 21 as the information is publicly available elsewhere. All candidates were required to submit their returns of candidate spending to the Combined Authority Returning Officer within 35 days of the declaration of the result.

The Combined Authority Returning Officer is the primary holder of this information and has a duty to make the returns available for inspection. You should contact the Combined Authority Returning Officer to arrange to inspect any of the returns.

In the first instance you could contact the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, details are here: <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/contact>

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-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: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,



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