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To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: FOI 179/17 Young women voting today - Response
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Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI 179/17

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

I would like to know how many women aged 18 - 25 years-old are registered to vote in the UK currently today. And also, how many women aged 18 - 25 years-old voted in the 2017 general election, and how many voted in the 2015 and 2010 general elections.

I would also like to know how many women aged 18 - 25 years-old are members of a political party today.

Our response is as follows:

Number of women aged 18 - 25 years-old registered to vote in the UK currently today.

The Electoral Commission does not hold this information and demographic information is not held on the electoral registers.

However, the Commission regularly carries out surveys to estimate the accuracy and completeness of the registers and levels of registration among specific groups. Estimates of completeness by age and gender are available in our [last report on the accuracy and completeness of the electoral registers in Great Britain \(December 2015\)](#).

Number of women aged 18 - 25 years-old who voted in the 2017, 2015 and 2010 general election.

The Commission does not hold this information.

Due to the secrecy of the ballot and the fact that demographic information is not held on the electoral register, turnout figures by age (or any other demographic characteristic) are not available.

In order to produce turnout or registration data for specific demographic groups, it is necessary to conduct standalone surveys (self-reported turnout) or to combine surveys with analysis of the marked electoral registers/registers.

When this type of information is discussed in the media they are referring to such *estimates* of turnout. For example Ipsos MORI publishes '[How Britain voted](#)'; estimates on turnout (and voting intention) by gender, by age, by social class and by housing tenure based on aggregated survey data.

Number of women aged 18 - 25 years-old members of a political party today.

The Commission does not hold this information.

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

Yours sincerely,



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