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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI 65/17 New Party Registrations Response  
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Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI 65/17**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **15 May 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:

**Can you tell me from the time the Prime minister Teresa May announced there was to be an election, and the close of ballot paper nominations on May 11 2017**

**How many individuals or parties applied to register a new party or party name?**

**How many applicants during that time frame were successful.?**

**How much did the Electoral Commission receive in payments from these applicants in total**

Our response is as follows:

There were 16 applications in total between 18 April and 11 May 2017 to register a new party or change a party name.

- 13 were for new parties, one of which was for a minor party.
- Three were for change of party name, one of which was withdrawn.

Parties that apply to be registered as minor parties cannot contest a general election, only parish or community level elections.

None of these applications received decisions for approval or rejection before 9 May, which was the last day the Commission could amend the register before the close of nominations.

As we explained on our website, we could not guarantee an application would receive a decision before the close of nominations, due to the short time until the polls from the date it was announced. We also said it was likely a decision would not be granted until after the deadline for delivery of nomination papers, which was 11 May.

In total, the Commission received £2,000 in registration fees. £25 was not taken

for the party which withdrew its application to change its name and deregistered instead, and therefore this amount has not been included.

Any money received by the Commission for registration is passed to the Consolidated Fund.

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-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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