From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 94/17 Postal Votes Data UKPGE 2017 Response
Date: 16 June 2017 17:58:27

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 94/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 13 June 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:

Please would you provide details of the number of postal votes, sent outside the UK for the 2017 General Election, by country. If possible could you indicate what percentage relate to serving service personnel, diplomatic staff, and their dependents.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

The Electoral Commission is not responsible for the running of UK Parliamentary general elections. Following the poll, we do collect data relating to postal voting from Returning Officers responsible for each constituency. However this does not include the details of postal votes sent overseas. Individual returning officers may hold relevant 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: http://www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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