From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 108/17 Electoral Campaigning Restrictions Response
Date: 05 July 2017 10:22:53

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 108/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **01 July 2017,** received by the Commission on **03 July 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:
It has been alleged that the government has imposed bans or restrictions on certain organisations on campaigning in the year up to an election.
Is the government required to inform you about any such bans?
If so can you please provide a list of any bans in the last five years and the period the ban was/is in force?
Our response is as follows:
We do not hold the information you have requested.
The Commission is the regulator of political funding and spending. There are rules that apply to the financial activities of parties and campaigners at elections. You can find out more about our regulatory role here on our website.
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: http://www.ico.gov.uk
Yours sincerely,

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