From: FOI
To: [redacted]
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Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Response - General election 2017 - 161/17
Date: 02 November 2017 16:29:54

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 161/17

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

'I was hoping for a ward-by-ward summary of how voters voted in the Selly Oak constituency and the Romsey and Southampton North constituency. It is my intention to use the voting data alongside local socioeconomic data available from the ONS to compare two wards in the constituencies. I am not sure which wards I will choose yet, so hopefully you can provide ward-level data for all wards in both constituencies. An email containing the information in excel format is preferable, but any way you can get the information to me is greatly appreciated.'

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested. The Electoral Commission does not collect data by ward for UK parliamentary general elections – only at constituency level. It is possible the Returning Officer for the constituency could provide some data but it is unlikely as the counting of votes for constituencies does not always or usually take place by ward.

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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