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Subject:	RE: FOI 169/17 - Political Parties - Response
Date:	17 November 2017 15:50:14

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 169/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **27 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.

1. **I would like to see any communication between the Electoral Commission and the Labour party following the receipt of the letter from the Labour Party, Director, Audit and Risk Management to Andrew Scallan dated 13 March 2015 discussing the Labour Party claim that postal vote tallying is legal ;**
2. **I would like to see the numbers of recipients of Bulletin 100 distributed by email on 13th March 2015 in the Labour Party, the Conservative Party, the Liberal Democrat Party, Ukip and the Green Party;**
3. **I would like to see the numbers of recipients of Bulletin 86S distributed by email on 13th March 2015 in the Scottish National Party, the Scottish Labour Party, the Conservative and Unionist Party, and the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party;**
4. **If the information requested in 2 and 3 is no longer held, I would like the equivalent information for the most recent England & Wales and Scotland Bulletins respectively.**

Our response is as follows:

We hold some of the information you have requested.

We do not hold any further communication between the Electoral Commission and the Labour Party following the receipt of the letter from the Labour Party, Director, Audit and Risk Management to Andrew Scallan dated 13th March 2015.
We issue Electoral Administration Bulletins on a regular basis. Bulletins are issued via email to those who have subscribed to receive them, and are also published on our website. Anyone can subscribe to receive a copy of the bulletin via email when it is published. We do not mandate that subscribers notify us of the organisation they represent when signing up for the email bulletin service, we therefore are not always able to tell whether the subscriber is a representative of a particular political party. .
Below are the numbers of recipients of Bulletin 100 that we have been able to identify as representatives of a particular political party from their email address. However, as explained above, we cannot confirm that these numbers are definitive and there may be other representatives of these and other political parties who we could not identify as such from their email address alone.
The Labour Party: 1
The Conservative Party: 5

The Liberal Democrat Party: 6
UKIP: 5
The Green Party: 0

We do not hold the information relating to the recipients of Bulletin 86S distributed by email on 13th March 2015.
The equivalent information from the most recent Scotland bulletin is detailed below, where the email addresses relate to the parties you have specified. However, as explained above, we cannot confirm that these numbers are definitive because we do not require subscribers to tell us what organisation they represent.
The Scottish Labour Party: 1
Scottish National Party: 2
The Conservative and Unionist Party: 0
The Scottish Liberal Democrat Party: 0
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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