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Subject:	Freedom of Information - Donations to Conservative Party - Response 191/17
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 191/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **04 December 2017**.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and regrets that on this occasion we have not done so.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

Please would you let me have a list of all donations to the Conservative Party from 2005 to the present from all individuals and organisations/businesses based in West Sussex.

Our response is as follows:

We may hold the information you have requested.

The requested information may already be published under statute, the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA), and is readily available for the public access as described below, therefore the Commission considers this information to be exempt under s. 21(2) (b) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Under the PPERA there are controls on which donations a political party can accept. These controls apply to political parties that are registered in Great Britain. Certain donations must be recorded and reported to us. We publish these reports in a register on our website. Members of the public can access and search this register. Consequently, all the information regarding any relevant donations to the Conservative and Unionist Party that has been requested within this FOI request may have been published on our website and be in the public domain. You can access and view details of donations using our PEF online system here. The details that are displayed from a search of PEF online can be downloaded as a CSV file and saved in MS Excel and then searched for any donations in West Sussex.

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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