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From: FOI
Sent: 26 November 2020 15:03
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 134-20 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-134-20

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 29 October 2020.

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 shown below followed by our response.

I am writing to you with a request under the Freedom of Information act.
My request relates to a commercial firm, Hanbury Strategy which provides political and strategic advice. Their website can be found here : https://hanburystrategy.com/about/
Hanbury is a private limited company (company number: 10361418).
Under the act, I would like to ask the Electoral Commission for copies of all material that has been released by the Electoral Commission under the freedom of information act since January 1 2017 that relates to Hanbury.

Our response is as follows:

We have undertaken searches in the e-discovery system in SharePoint 2016 (Skynet), on 03 November 2020 and repeated this on 24 November 2020 to confirm the findings. This search portal searches the Commission's SharePoint document libraries (that are used for processing and documentation related to FOI requests) and MS Exchange Server.

Search terms: "Hanbury Strategies" OR Hanbury and FOI. No results were returned.
Search terms Hanbury & FOI- results included 4 possible FOIs that could be relevant: 195-17, 147-18, 183-17 and 186-17.

We reviewed the content related to these FOIs flagged through the e-discovery search. Only FOI 186-17 identified, in passing, Hanbury Strategies, the organisation of interest. This FOI is already available via the Commission's website, however for ease of reference you can see this request here. The information can be found on pages 49 and 50.

We also did further searches using the normal advanced search feature on SharePoint; search Hanbury, limited by content type FOI, which brought up the same list of previous FOIs as the e-discovery search.

The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority and 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: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-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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