From: FOI
Sent: 26 January 2021 21:42
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 004-21 - Response

Dear [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 004-21

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act dated 18/01/21.

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.

Details of any or all gifts or donations made to the Labour or Conservative party by food/beverage corporations between the period of 2000-2021. If this time period exceeds the scope of your work, please can you let me know as soon as possible. Please could you outline any listed reason for a given donation or gift.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested however it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 21 provides for an exemption where the information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The information that you have requested is accessible to you by using our online register of donations to political parties.

When political parties report their donations to us, they must include certain details about the donor. Where the donor is a company, the required detail to be reported is the company's registered name, the address of its registered office and its Companies House registration number. There is no requirement in the legislation for political parties to report to us the company donor's nature of business.

The online register of donations is searchable by a number of other criteria and can be found here. You will then need to enter the name of the company that you are interested in. Alternatively, the search results can be exported as a CSV file.

We do not have any details of donations beyond 31 December 2020, as the political parties are not due to deliver that information to us until the end of January. We will then publish those donations by the end of March.

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: 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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