From: FOI
Sent: 04 April 2018 11:52
To: [redacted]
Cc: FOI <FOI@electoralcommission.org.uk>
Subject: FOI 010/18 DUP Correspondence - Response

Dear [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 010/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **25 January 2018.**

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.

1) Please provide all internal Electoral Commission correspondence and communications between 1 February 2017 and 1 October 2017 that mentions, or refers, to the publication of details of the Democratic Unionist Party's Brexit campaign spending.

2) Please provide all external Electoral Commission correspondence and communications between 1 February 2017 and 1 October 2017 that mentions, or refers, to the publication of details of the Democratic Unionist Party's Brexit campaign spending.

3) Please provide all Electoral Commission correspondence and communications with the Democratic Unionist Party between 1 February 2017 and 1 October 2017.

By 'correspondence and communications', I define this as including, but not limited to, the following:

- Emails

- Letters

- Press clippings

- Case files

- Memos

- Minutes of meetings

- Notes taken during telephone calls

Our response is as follows:

We hold some of the information you have requested.

Some of the information you have requested has been released previously by the Commission under the Freedom of Information Act. These are publicly available and can be found by following these links: FOI 14/17, FOI 88/17, FOI 148/17and FOI 199/17.

Other correspondence and documents that relate to your request are attached or linked here. Some of these documents have been redacted as they contain information not relevant to your request.

You will notice that certain personal details have been redacted from some of the documents we are releasing. This redaction is necessary because section 40(2) and (3)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) Act provides that personal data, where its disclosure would breach one of the data protection principles, is exempt from disclosure. The first data protection principle states that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

The Commission also considers that it would be unfair to release the names and personal contact details of junior officials, who were not employed in public facing roles and did not act as spokespersons for their employer, as those individuals would have a reasonable expectation that this personal data would not be disclosed to the general public. Other personal data has been withheld as it relates to sensitive personal data of identifiable, living individuals.

Some of the documents that we hold with regard to the third question cannot be released as The Commission is prohibited by legislation from releasing this information. Section 71E of the Political Parties Elections and Referendum Act 2000 (PPERA) places a duty of confidentiality on the Commission in relation to information that relates to donations from Northern Ireland recipients or information relating to our function in this area where the donation was accepted prior to 1 July 2017.

Section 44 exempts from disclosure any information if its disclosure is prohibited by any enactment. As stated, the information requested is specifically prohibited from being released by section 71E of PPERA.

You may also be aware that we have held an investigation into the Democratic Unionist Party. Section 30(1) of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act provides for exemption from disclosure of information which has been held at any time for the purpose of conducting an investigation of a potential offence.

Information which falls under the scope of your request, and is held as part of this investigation, has been exempted under section 30 of the FOI Act.

You may wish to note that as a matter of routine the Commission publishes the outcomes of all its investigations, once they are concluded. Information about closed cases can be found here.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority, but in some circumstances we cannot responsibly release requested information, and we ask for your understanding in this regard.

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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From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2017 16:21
To: 'Allan Ewart'
Subject: RE: Westminister Election

Allan

If it was a voter registration event and wasn't promoting the party or candidates then it doesn't need to be included in your return (ie there was no DUP branding, leaflets, posters etc).

If a community group or another organisation was organising such an event and then encouraging people to vote (or not vote) for any particular party then they would be considered as non-party campaigners. In such an event they would have to register with us and provide a report if they spent over £10,000. I suspect this is highly unlikely to be the case for the groups you are talking of.

[redacted]

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2017 15:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: Westminister Election

[redacted]

During the period we have to report, community group and others organisation held events urging people to register for the elections. In most cases we would have urged people if not on the register to do so.
We didnt organise the events or did we pay for hire of halls etc, and as it really didnt promote the party, as we dont know how people vote when on the register, do we have to show a notional amount or do we not show at all.

Thanks for you help.

Regards

Allan

[redacted]

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 01 June 2017 08:54
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Return

[redacted]

Sorry to bother you, can you let me know when the Assembly 2017 Party Expenditure Returns need to be with the Commission?

Thanks

Allan

Sent from my iPad

On 30 May 2017, at 12:49, [redacted] wrote:

Hi Allan
Just to confirm we have received your latest weekly return

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From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 28 June 2017 12:18
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Regulated period

Thanks [redacted]

Sent from my iPad

On 28 Jun 2017, at 11:43, [redacted] wrote:

> Hi Allan
> Yes that's correct.
> Congratulations on the MBE – well deserved.
> [redacted]
> **From:** Allan Ewart [redacted]
> **Sent:** 28 June 2017 11:33
> **To:** [redacted]
> **Subject:** Regulated period
> [redacted]
>
> Can you confirm the regulated period for the Westminster Election was 09.06.2016 - 08.06.2017
>
> Thanks
>
> Allan

[redacted]

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 22 May 2017 22:16
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: Fwd:

[redacted]

I emailed and sent hard copy by post of latest donations form for the election. Did you get it ok?

Allan

Sent from my iPad

On 19 May 2017, at 15:34, [redacted] wrote:

> Hi Allan
> [redacted] is out of the office for a few weeks – if you need anything give me or Ann a call
> [redacted]
> **From:** Allan Ewart [redacted]
> **Sent:** 19 May 2017 12:21
> **To:** infonorthernireland
> **Subject:** Fwd:
> [redacted] is out of office
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Allan Ewart** [redacted]
> Date: Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:58 AM
> Subject: Fwd:
> To: [redacted]
>
> [redacted]
>
> A paper copy is in the post.
>
> Regards
>
> Allan
> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **DUPMono207** [redacted]
> Date: Fri, May 19, 2017 at 10:15 AM
> Subject:
> To: "allan[redacted]" <allan[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 30 October 2017 13:00
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Q3 return

[redacted]

Thanks, will drop it in later

Allan

Sent from my iPad

On 30 Oct 2017, at 12:28, [redacted] wrote:

Hi Allan
Just a quick email to say we haven't received your Q3 return and the deadline is today. The office is open to 5pm if you can drop it in. Any problems though let me know

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From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 06 April 2017 17:48
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Policy Development Grant Audit

[redacted]

That date is fine

Allan

Sent from my iPhone

On 6 Apr 2017, at 13:48, [redacted] wrote:

> Hi Allan,
> We are scheduling dates to carry out the policy development grant audits for the 2016/17 claim period.
> We would hope to complete the audit within a day. We would need the final cost report at least a week before the audit and on the day of the audit we would need to be able to speak to policy staff and finance staff.
> We are proposing carrying out the audit of your party's grant on **Tuesday 9th May 2017.** Can you please let me know by next Tuesday (11 April) if that date is suitable or if you have particular difficulties with that date.
> Many thanks
>
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[redacted]

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 05 June 2017 09:58
To: Ann Watt
Subject: Re: Policy development grant audit - follow-up

Ann

First let me apologise for not responding to your previous email. I do not use the Assembly Account where you sent the first email.

With regards to the Invoice for research, can you please let me know what further information you require.

Regards

Allan
Sent from my iPad

On 1 Jun 2017, at 14:26, Ann Watt [redacted] wrote:

> Allan – we are unable to proceed with the final payment for 16-17 until we receive the evidence we have requested below.
>
> Ann
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Ann Watt
> **Sent:** 30 May 2017 11:02
> **To:** [redacted]
> **Subject:** FW: Policy development grant audit - follow-up
>
> Dear Allan – just a reminder that we have asked for a response from you on the points below by today.
>
> Ann

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From: Ann Watt
Sent: 23 May 2017 16:27
To: [redacted]
Subject: Policy development grant audit - follow-up

Dear Allan

At the recent Policy Development Grant audit we identified several items of expenditure that required additional explanation or documentation to determine their eligibility under the grant. I would be grateful if you could provide any additional comments and documents for the items below by 30 May.

Meeting rooms

The cost of room hire for several meetings has been claimed. Invoices were submitted for each of these but no further supporting documents were provided to demonstrate that the meetings related to policy development. We were told at the audit that there were no notes from these meetings. Can you please provide us with a description for each of the meetings listed below and provide us with any other supporting documents, such as agendas or invitations to these meetings that would demonstrate that they were for the purpose of policy development? Without satisfactory evidence we will not pay grant for these meeting rooms.

	Date	Amount	Supplier
1	18/07/2016	100	Corick House
2	15/08/2016	100	Corick House
3	14/02/2017	120	Corick House
4	15/02/2017	120	Corick House
5	29/04/2016	60	Corick House
6	17/12/2016	80	Corick House
7	12/04/2016	150	Park Avenue
8	01/12/2016	150	Park Avenue
9	29/04/2016	100	La Mon
10	24/01/2017	100	La Mon

Annual Conference – room hire

The full cost of venue hire for the annual conference has been claimed under the grant. However, as there was no debate or adoption of motions at the conference, and no discussion forum this year, it appears as though the conference did not have a policy development aspect to it. This cost is therefore ineligible under the grant and will be removed from the claim unless you have any further supporting evidence that you would like to submit which demonstrates that an element of the conference related to policy development.

There were lunchtime sessions during the conference that related to policy development. You could claim for the costs of room hire and reasonable refreshments for these sessions. If you wish for these costs to be included in the claim, please provide us with a breakdown of the costs and supporting invoices.

11	29/10/2016	750	La Mon	Annual Conference - room hire

Research costs

£13,709 has been claimed under Research.

We were provided with an invoice and contract for services at the audit. We were also provided with a folder of work that has been provided to date under this contract. However, this did not adequately demonstrate that the full cost of this contract related to policy development.

In addition, we have concerns that the party has not demonstrated that it sought to achieve value for money in awarding this contract. No procurement assessment or exercise was conducted. We do not therefore have assurances that the party applied robust processes to ensure that value for money was achieved.

2017-18 application

We are currently considering your application for 2017-18.

Although the Research contract is not included in your application for 2017-18, it was noted at the audit that this is an ongoing contract and may be included in next year's grant claim.

If the party wishes to claim research costs for future years we advise that a business case be produced which clearly explains the scope of the work to be undertaken, why the work is necessary and how it relates to policy development, why that individual is best placed to undertake the work and includes a clear costing for each element of the work to be undertaken.

I look forward to hearing from you by 30 May.

Ann Watt

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 August 2017 17:05
To: 'Allan Ewart'
Subject: RE: Election Returns

Hi Allan

The return needs to be with us by 8 September. You'll need to include the total cost from the Assembly campaign but you only need to reference it. No need to resubmit all the invoices etc.

As long as there was nothing at Diane's stand that was promoting the party or the candidates then there is no need to include it on your party return.

[redacted]

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 18 August 2017 16:21
To: [redacted]
Subject: Election Returns

[redacted]

I trust you are keeping well.

A few queries on our Westminster party election returns.

Is the date for returns 7th September?

As the returns cover the full year, how do we show the Assembly returns?

Diane Dodds as a Euro MEP had a stand at Balmoral Show. Under eiuropean rules she could not promote the party, therefore I assume we do not put show it as party expenditure.

Regards

Allan

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 08 February 2017 12:03
To: 'Allan Ewart'
Subject: RE: DUP Financial Scheme CCM:0185076

Dear Allan,

Thank you for submitting the amended draft of the party's financial scheme. Unfortunately we are still not satisfied with the scheme and suggest that you address each of the points below in relation to the corresponding paragraph and submit a further draft for us to consider.

1.3 – the scheme needs to make reference to the need to notify the Commission of aggregations of donations /aggregates of loans or combinations of donations and loans of over £1,500 to Accounting Units.

1.9 - remove the reference to 'each register the party is registered on', because the Party is only registered on the Northern Ireland register.

1.9 - the last sentence of this paragraph suggests that the onus is on the Accounting Unit treasurer to notify the Commission of reportable donations and loans received by it. However, Accounting Unit treasures must inform the party treasurer so that they can include these donations and loans in the party's return to the Commission. This needs to be made clear.

1.12 - the references in this paragraph to the party submitting separate returns if it appears on the Northern Ireland register should be removed, as the party is only registered on the Northern Ireland register. The content in that paragraph headed 'For Loans (regulated transactions):' should remain and be made clear that it applies to the party.

1.14 - this paragraph should be removed as the party is only registered on the Northern Ireland register.

1.4 - this paragraph is not appropriate as it currently reads. The party has registered Accounting Units and therefore the statement is inaccurate. Furthermore the party's constitution refers to Constituency Associations, Local Government Associations and Local Branches. The financial scheme should make clear the status of these associations/branches (are they separate registered accounting units?) or whether their finances fall to be consolidated with the central party accounts if that is the case.

As you are already aware, we are unable to process the application to remove the Campaigns Officer until we receive a financial scheme that adequately sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ('PPERA').

Please note that until the party's application to remove the Campaigns Officer is successful, the registered Campaigns Officer will remain responsible for compliance with the provisions of Parts V to VIII of PPERA. Under PPERA, a party's Treasurer has legal responsibility for the campaign finances unless the party has appointed a Campaigns Officer (s 82 and s 83). If a party has a Campaigns Officer, the Campaigns Officer is responsible for managing the campaign requirements of PPERA instead of the Treasurer and retains overall responsibility for a party's campaign expenditure.

Yours sincerely,
[redacted]

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 02 February 2017 12:49
To: [redacted]
Subject: DUP Financial Scheme

[redacted]

Further to our telephone call earlier I have attached a copy of an updated version of our Financial Scheme. Please have a look and let me know changes, if any, to be made.

Regards

Allan

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 May 2017 09:48
To: 'Allan Ewart'
Subject: RE: 2016/17 Paper

Thanks Allan

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 04 May 2017 20:28
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: 2016/17 Paper

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Lee Reynolds <[redacted]
> **Date:** 4 May 2017 at 15:47:08 BST
> **To:** "[redacted]" <[redacted]
> **Subject: 2016/17 Paper**
>
> Allan
>
> As requested
>
> Lee Reynolds
> Director of Policy
> Democratic Unionist Party Policy Unit

[redacted]

From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 11 April 2017 13:59
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: 2016 Statement of Accounts due by 30 April 2017

[redacted]

Is it still Acc Units with income or expenditure over £25,000 and under £250,000 that need to be submitted by 30 April?

Thank you

Allan

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Apr 2017, at 11:30, [redacted] wrote:

> Dear Party Treasurer /Party Representative
> **2016 Statement of Accounts due by 30 April 2017 / Annual confirmation of registered details**
> Parties with a financial year end date of 31 December, whose income and expenditure are below £250,000, must submit their 2016 statement of accounts by **30 April 2017.**
> If your party's gross income or total expenditure was over £250,000. You must submit your audited statement of accounts by 7 July 2017
> Please read the attached factsheet, which contains all the information you need in order to submit your annual statement of accounts. Further guidance is available on the Electoral Commission's website.
> It is a legal requirement to submit accounts on time. If you submit your accounts late, you may be subject to sanctions including a penalty of at least £200.
> If you have any queries regarding your party's 2016 annual statement of accounts please contact a member of the Commission's Compliance Team:
> - [redacted]
> - [redacted]
> - [redacted]
>
> Alternatively you can contact our Party & Election Finance advice line on 0333 103 1928 or email pef@electoralcommission.org.uk.
> **Annual Confirmation of registered details**
>
> Under the Political parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA), parties must submit an annual confirmation to us that their registered details remain accurate and up to date (or let us know about any changes).
>
> We must receive this confirmation **by 31 October together with the £25 fee or we are required by law to remove your party from the register.** You can find the form (RP8) on our website here. You can also renew your party's registered details using the Commission's interactive PEF online system.

We strongly encourage you to submit your party's confirmation of registered details along with the £25 fee when you submit your statement of accounts.

If any of the following details have changed you must tell us.

- your party officers or their contact details
- your party's HQ details
- your constitution
- you have changed your treasurer and need to update your financial scheme as a result.

You can find the forms you need to tell us about any changes on our website here or you can use PEF Online .

If you have any questions about confirming your party's registered details please contact our Party & Election Finance advice line on 0333 103 1928 or email pef@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 04 May 2017 15:52
To: [redacted]
Subject: Policy outcomes of your final cost report

Hi Allan

[redacted] has asked me to contact you to ask if you have the policy outcomes of your final cost report. [redacted] observing at the Scottish local council election so she has no access to her emails, but if you forward the information to me than I can pass it onto colleagues in London.

Kind Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 August 2017 16:03
To: [redacted]
Subject: Policy Development Grant

Hi Lee

As we thought the PDGs will be redistributed next year – you should know what the grant will be for the party sometime in March 2018.

[redacted]

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From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 30 March 2017 11:51
To: [redacted]
Subject: Policy Dev Grant

[redacted]

Can you let me know how much our Policy Dev Grant is for next year 2017-18?

Thanks

Regards

Allan

[redacted]

From: Ann Watt
Sent: 26 September 2017 10:51
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Northern Ireland Assembly Parties' Panel - Tuesday 3 October: papers
Attachments: 20170925 APP delivering modern guidance paper.docx; 20170925 APP PFR system project update paper.docx

All – attached are two papers for the APP meeting on Tuesday 3 October:

1. Delivery modern guidance project update
2. Party Finance and Registration system project update

Both of these are projects which aim to improve the service that the Electoral Commission provides to parties, candidates and electoral administrators. It would be helpful if you were able to read and consider the papers ahead of the meeting. There are questions for discussion at the end of the papers on which we would welcome your views. The project manager for both projects [redacted] will be attending the meeting on Tuesday.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Ann Watt

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From: Ann Watt
Sent: 19 May 2017 15:54
To: Ailsa Irvine; Bob Posner; [redacted] Louise Edwards; [redacted] Claire Bassett
Subject: Meeting with Arlene Foster, Thursday 18 May

Yesterday [redacted] and I met with Arlene Foster at her request.

She raised concerns about two electoral administration issues:

- Proxy votes – she noted the 50% increase in the number of proxy votes in March 2017, as set out in our election report published earlier in the week. We said that the checks required by the law were carried out on each application, and that we had not received any allegations of proxy vote fraud. In the context of increased turnout in March, the increase in proxy votes could just represent more electors having their say in the election. We said that she should provide evidence to the PSNI of any fraud.
- Polling agents – she said that polling agents in Fermanagh and South Tyrone were taking information out of polling stations about who had voted, in order to round up people to vote. She said this was happening particularly in rural polling stations. I said that again she needed to provide evidence of any alleged law breaking. I said that we would have a Commission representative in FST on polling day who would look at this issue particularly. I also said we would speak to CEONI about the instructions EONI give poll staff about polling agents, and Virginia has agreed to provide a note for staff on what polling agents can and cannot do. AF said that she would like to see polling agents abolished, which would require primary legislation. In this context she noted a possible future Elections Bill at Westminster. We said that in NI the Commission had considered this issue in some detail several years ago, but that there had been no consensus between the parties on it.

There was no mention of any donation, EU referendum or any other issue.

Ann

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From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 05 September 2017 12:57
To: Ann Watt
Subject: Fwd: Elections

Ann

As promised

Regards

Allan

> **From:** Allan Ewart <[redacted]>
> **Date:** 5 September 2017 at 12:33:47 BST
> **To:** [redacted]
> **Subject: Elections**
>
> [redacted]
>
> Trust you are well, just a couple of queries about the party election return.
>
> In what section do we show the Assembly Election Return?
>
> Electoral Registration, is that shown as meetings?
>
> On a completely separate issue.
>
> If a candidate makes a payment to his association to pay for his election expenses is that classed as a donation?
>
> Regards
>
> Allan

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 16:27
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Next APP - NEW DATE- Monday 19 June at 2pm

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 April 2017 14:01
To: [redacted]
Subject: Next APP - NEW DATE- Monday 19 June at 2pm

Dear All

Just to confirm discussions at last week's Panel meeting – the June APP meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday 19 June at 2pm**.

The venue remains the Radisson Blu Hotel.

Regards

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Democratic Unionist Party



Ms Louise Edwards
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11th May 2017

By email: [redacted]

Dear Ms Edwards

Thank you for your recent correspondence concerning the 2017 UK Parliamentary General Election campaign.

Please find below information as requested in your correspondence.

Any queries during the campaign should be directed to **Simon Hamilton, on** [redacted]

In respect of our strategic and operational campaign decision-making structures the party has appointed an internal co-ordinator, and a small group of staff who assist on campaign. Simon Hamilton is co-ordinating election related material within the party. He is authorised by the Treasurer to work with suppliers but does not authorise campaign expenditure. Decisions to approve campaign expenditure are taken only by the Treasurer and are based on consultation with the party leadership.

Wider policy decisions are taken by the Party Officer Board, under delegated authority from the Party Executive. The internal co-ordinator and the Treasurer brief the Party Officer Board on campaign matters.

The following outlined procedure is in operation in respect of the authorisation and recording of campaign payments.

- Campaign expenditure can only be authorised by the Party Treasurer and is authorised in advance of any expenditure being incurred.

- Authorisation is secured by means of the filling out of an internal authorisation form that details the nature, amount, supplier and purpose of the expenditure. This is recorded by the Administration Director and signed by the Party Treasurer.

- Upon securing authorisation of expenditure then the order is placed with the relevant supplier and upon completion of the work or service provided the supplier is asked to supply the invoice, which is cross-checked to ensure it matches our prior authorisation and that the amount is correct.

- The Administration Director or a substitute on behalf of the Party Treasurer, where relevant, prepares the paperwork for payment.

- All payments from the DUP accounts are authorised by two officers, one being the Treasurer and are cross-checked with the relevant authorisation.

- All authorisations and invoices are recorded in a file for the purpose of ensuring a full return to the Electoral Commission for central party expenditure.

- An authorisation letter from the Treasurer is in place to allow the Administration Director and any other relevant staff to deal directly with suppliers.

- All suppliers are now instructed to send invoices directly to the Administration Director and where this has not been done within seven days of incurring the expenditure our administration/finance department is in contact to secure same.

- A copy of all invoices is attached to authorisation forms.

- All payments will be cross-checked with our bank statements as part of the bank reconciliation.

The party continues to record any donations received and will continue to ensure donations are both permissible and notified to the Commission as required. This is being done in line with the Commission's notified timetable for donations during the election period.

Campaign activity is being monitored by the internal co-ordinator and his staff and campaign material from candidates has to receive prior approval by the co-ordinator.

Individual election agents for candidates have been briefed to ensure any campaign activity and material promoting the name of the candidate is treated as candidate expenditure. Any activity or material that requires apportionment will be recorded by the internal co-ordinator and where relevant advice sought from the Electoral Commission. We will make an honest assessment based on the facts of the proportion of expenditure that can fairly be attributed to the party campaign and the candidate campaign. This assessment will be recorded.

We look forward to working with you to ensure compliance with the rules.

Yours sincerely



Gregory Campbell
Registered Treasurer
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[redacted]

From: Ann Watt
Sent: 12 May 2017 09:51
To: Louise Edwards
Subject: FW: Letter from Gregory Campbell to Louise Edwards, Head of Regulation 110517
Attachments: [Untitled].pdf

Louise – see attached response from DUP re their internal campaign expenditure co-ordination.

Is your team reviewing these responses from parties, or do we need to do it in the NI office?

Ann

From: Garrett, Heather [redacted]
Sent: 12 May 2017 09:42
To: Ann Watt
Subject: FW: Letter from Gregory Campbell to Louise Edwards, Head of Regulation 110517

As discussed

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From: Garrett, Heather
Sent: 12 May 2017 09:33
To: [redacted]>
Subject: Letter from Gregory Campbell to Louise Edwards, Head of Regulation 110517

Dear [redacted]

Please find attached copy of letter from Gregory Campbell to Louise Edwards, Head of Regulation. I would be grateful if could forward the letter to Ms Edwards on our behalf.

Kind Regards

Heather

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 04 October 2017 16:31
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: EU funding - From Scotland to NI to UK

Hi [redacted]

I've just searched my folders and the e-mail below came up. Are you content for me to pass it onto FOI team.

Cheers

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 May 2017 10:56
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: EU funding - From Scotland to NI to UK

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 March 2017 12:41

To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: EU funding - From Scotland to NI to UK

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 March 2017 16:54
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: EU funding - From Scotland to NI to UK

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your email.

Currently the Electoral Commission is legally required to keep details of donations reported to it by Northern Ireland political parties confidential.

The DUP registered as a permitted participant in the EU referendum. The party was entitled to spend up to £700,000 campaigning across the UK. Any registered party that also registered as a permitted participant at the EU referendum could accept donations over £500 from a range of permissible sources across the UK.

We note the issues you have raised in your email but we do not routinely comment on whether matters are under investigation.

Yours sincerely

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 March 2017 10:05
To: infoscotland
Subject: EU funding - From Scotland to NI to UK

Hello,

It is my understanding that the Electoral Commission has ongoing investigations into EU Referendum campaign funding.

I know that you will be aware of the recently emerged news that the DUP funded large scale campaigning activities on the UK mainland in the days running up to the election.(See links below)

It appears that the funds for this were from a body known as the "Constitutional Research Campaign" (CRC) - chaired by Richard Cook, former Conservative candidate for the East Renfrewshire Westminster constituency. I am unaware of any list of members, or any other information, being available for CRC other than that it is chaired by Richard Cook.

Currently it is unclear who else forms the CRC, or where the CRC receives its funding from. However, it would appear that a mainland UK body giving funds to a NI political party for campaigning on the mainland UK is a clear attempt to bypass funding regulations and limitations and to avoid scrutiny. In particular, donations *to* the CRC would appear to be donations within the mainland UK made expressly for the purpose of political campaigning within the mainland UK, but which have been diverted through NI solely for the purpose of avoiding scrutiny. I suspect that this may be against the laws governing campaign finances.

I trust that this is being included in your current investigations. If not, I hope that it will be soon.

I would appreciate it if you were able to reply to this email to confirm whether this is under investigation,

kind regards,
[redacted]

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15114417.Business_group_behind_mystery_DUP_Brexit_donation_says_it_could_spend_more_opposing_independence/

https://www.autonomyscotland.org/who-are-the-union-backing-constitutional-research-council/

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 16:35
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: DUP Tel Call

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 May 2017 09:51
To: Ann Watt
Subject: DUP Tel Call

Hi Ann – understand you're on line at the moment….

Allan Ewart's just been in contact to say Arlene Foster would like to meet you, he thinks it could be about proxy voting. (They've also been in touch with Virginia – I think I heard you mention this yesterday.)

We're to arrange via Allan's mobile although I said I may not be speaking with you today, so it could be tomorrow before we're in contact. Are you happy with that or prefer I call them back with suggested time? [redacted] mentioned Sinn Fein are in on Friday.

Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 11 June 2017 12:31
To: Press
Subject: FW: DUP donor article

Just to confirm that I dealt with this in consultation with [redacted] The line we gave (which wasn't used) was:

"The Electoral Commission is prohibited from publishing information relating to donations reported by political parties in Northern Ireland.

The Commission has consistently called for full transparency in regard to political parties donations and loans in Northern Ireland."

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From: Peter Walker [redacted]
Sent: 10 June 2017 13:35
To: Press
Subject: DUP donor article

Hi,

I'm a journalist at The Telegraph.

The investigations reporter here, Luke Heighton, has written an article claiming that the government could benefit from secret donations because of rules that DUP donors can remain hidden.

Would the Electoral Commission like to comment? We'd need a response by 5pm. Thank you.

Peter Walker
[redacted]

Draft

Northern Ireland Assembly's Parties Panel
11 October 2016 – Radisson Blu Hotel, Belfast at 9.30 am

Present:

DUP	Lee Reynolds
Green Party	John Hardy
SDLP	Donal Lyons
Sinn Féin	Gary Fleming
Ulster Unionist Party	Hazel Legge
The Electoral Commission	Anna Carragher, Commissioner David Howarth, Commissioner Ann Watt, Head of Electoral Commission, Northern Ireland [redacted]
Electoral Office for Northern Ireland	Graham Shields, Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland Jocelyn McCarley, Asst Chief Electoral Officer (Registration)

1 Welcome and introductions

1.1 The Chair, Anna Carragher, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced David Howarth (Electoral Commissioner) and Donal Lyons (SDLP) to the Panel.

2 Notes of previous meeting on 28 June 2016

2.1 The Panel agreed the notes of the previous meeting and there were no matters arising.

3 Issues raised by the political parties

3.1 No items had been raised by the parties in advance of the meeting.

4 Electoral Commission reports

4.1 The Panel was briefed on key aspects of three Commission reports which had been published in September:

May 2016 Northern Ireland Assembly election

4.2 The Commission's overall assessment of the NI Assembly election was that it had been well-run. Both voters and those standing for election reported high levels of satisfaction and confidence in how the election had been run.

4.3 The Commission welcomed the positive improvements the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland (CEONI) had made to the count process, which addressed many of the issues identified in previous Commission election reports. It would continue working with the CEO to improve the administration of elections ahead of the next planned elections in 2019.

4.4 The Commission had renewed its call on the UK Government to increase transparency and introduce the necessary legislation to allow the Commission to publish information about donations and loans to political parties in Northern Ireland.

The December 2015 electoral register in Northern Ireland

4.5 This research report had found a marked improvement in the accuracy (87%) and completeness (79%) of the register in December 2015, compared with 2012 research which found 78% accuracy and 71% completeness.

4.6 The Commission recognised the Electoral Office's good work in improving their processes to date, and had made further recommendations regarding how the register be maintained to ensure accuracy and completeness.

4.7 The report welcomed the forthcoming introduction of online registration but raised concerns that the research showed a fall in the number of attainers (16-17 year olds) on the register. The Commission would work with the EONI to review initiatives to reach young people.

Report on the 23 June 2016 referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the EU Union

4.8 Overall, voters had said that the referendum was well-run, with a record UK electorate of 46.5 million and a turnout 72%.

4.9 The Commission recorded its thanks to all the electoral administrators who had worked to ensure the referendum ran smoothly.

4.10 It had repeated its recommendation that the Government should establish a clear standard legal framework for all future referendums, and called for a clarification of the rules on publicly funded promotional material.

5 Electoral Commission UK update

5.1 The Chair informed the Panel of Andrew Scallan's forthcoming retirement. Ailsa Irvine would take over as Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance.

5.2 Jenny Watson, Chair of the Commission since 2009, would be standing down at the end of 2016 and her successor had recently been announced as Sir John Holmes GCVO, KBE, CMG formerly Private Secretary to Prime Minister Tony Blair and with a background in Northern Ireland matters.

5.3 An announcement was expected shortly about the new Electoral Commissioner for Scotland.

5.4 The Chair advised the Panel that David Howarth had taken over the role of Commissioner with responsibility for the smaller parties at Westminster.

5.5 Mr Howarth briefed the Panel on his background as a former Local Authority Leader and MP for Cambridge, along with his current involvement in the Law Commissions' project to modernise public electoral law. He saw his role on the Commission Board as a conduit to collect and pass on the views of smaller parties, and encouraged parties to contact him via the email addresses that would be circulated separately.

Commission's Strategic Review

5.6 Ann Watt thanked those parties who had recently taken up the Commission's invitation to bilateral meetings to discuss the Commission's recent reports and longer term strategic issues. The discussions had been valuable and worthwhile.

5.7 The issues raised had been fed back into the Commission's public consultation on future priorities as part of its Strategic Review. The Commission's Board was now considering these issues and would publish a revised Corporate Plan in spring 2017. The Panel would be updated at its next meeting.

6 Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland - update

6.1 The Chair informed the Panel that this would sadly be Graham Shields last meeting as Chief Electoral Officer. She recorded that he would be much missed.

Launch of online registration – update

6.2 The CEO reported that work was continuing well on the development of the online web portal which included feedback from the Commission following a recent demonstration.

6.3 The target date for the launch of online registration in NI was January 2017. The required legislation was currently being laid in Parliament and was expected to be passed in November-December 2016.

6.4 The CEO invited party representatives to a demonstration of the final system at EONI HQ at 11am on 23 November.

6.5 The EONI and Commission are reviewing how to ensure their public awareness efforts most effectively reach groups under-represented on the register and coordinate with the EONI's Schools Initiative. They asked for the parties' support in additionally publicising the system via their own channels of communication.

6.6 One party representative suggested that a toolkit explaining the processes involved in registering online would be very helpful

Removal from the register of electors carried forward at the end of the 2013 canvass

6.7 The CEO advised the Panel that the number of electors carried forward (whose details were not confirmed in the 2013 canvass and subsequently) would be removed from the electoral register published in December 2016.

6.8 The Electoral Office had written to these 76,000 remaining electors to advise them that the register would be updated and their details removed unless they completed a registration application form. To date approximately 8,000 people had responded but it was likely around 67,400 people would be removed from the register in December.

6.9 In response to a party query, representatives were asked to contact the Assistant Chief Electoral Officer (Registration) for a breakdown of these figures by ward.

Consultation on reform of EONI

6.10 A Northern Ireland Office (NIO) consultation paper was due for imminent release on the future structure and delivery of electoral services (subsequently released on 12 October). Following the 12 week consultation period, an announcement on the way forward was anticipated in February.

6.11 The CEO encouraged parties to take part in the consultation and would email details to them.

New CEONI recruitment

6.12 The post of CEONI had recently been re-advertised in the local press with a closing date of 17 October, following an earlier online advert. The NIO hoped to identify a successor by the end of November.

7 Party and Election Finance

Publication of party election returns

7.1 The campaign spending returns for parties that spent less than £250,000 at the NI Assembly election were published on 29 September 2016 and are available on the Commission's website.

7.2 The Commission was currently reviewing candidate returns from the NI Assembly election (submitted to CEO) and these would be published in December.

Statutory return deadline

7.3 Parties were reminded that donation and loan reports for Quarter 3, 1 July – 30 September 2016 must be submitted to the Commission by 30 October 2016. As this date would be a Sunday, parties were asked to ensure returns were delivered by Friday 28 October 2016.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 A party representative asked the CEO to review the demanding 7 day deadline for co-option to the NI Assembly and bring this in line with the 28 day council deadline. The CEO and Commission agreed it would be sensible to review this, noting it would require legislative change.

9 2017 Meeting Dates

9.1 The Commission tabled a schedule of proposed dates for APP meetings during 2017 and asked party representatives to contact the Commission within the next few days if there were issues.

- Tuesday 24 January
- Tuesday 4 April
- Tuesday 13 June
- Tuesday 3 October

(All meetings to start at 9.30am)

9.2 As there were no planned electoral events during 2017, with the consent of the parties the Commission would consider cancelling meetings if there were insufficient items for discussion.

List of agreed actions

Action	Responsible
Reminder - demonstration of online registration system at EONI HQ at 11am on 23 November.	For all
For further detail on carry forward of electors figures by ward – contact the Assistant Chief Electoral Officer (Registration)	Party representatives
Submit donation and loan returns for Quarter 3 by 30 October 2016.	Party representatives
Review NI Assembly co-option deadline.	Chief Electoral Officer

Northern Ireland Assembly's Parties Panel

Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 9.30 am in the Zinc Room

Radisson Blu Hotel, the Gasworks, Belfast, BT7 2JB

Agenda

1 Welcome and introductions

2 Notes of previous meeting held on 11 October 2016

- Minutes of the last meeting
- Matters arising

3 Issues raised by political parties in advance of the meeting

4 Post-election review – parties to provide feedback on any aspect of the 2017 NI Assembly election

- Registration
- Nominations
- Absent votes
- Campaign issues
- Candidate mailings
- Polling day
- Count arrangements
- Financial returns and reporting

5 Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland

- Update on response to public consultation
- Online registration update

6 Review of political party descriptions

7 Political Finance

- Publication of EU Referendum campaign spending returns
- Statutory return deadlines
- Recent investigations into election campaign expenses

8 AOB

9 Next meeting date – 13 June 2017

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 16:37
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: APP Meeting on Tuesday 4 April 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel, The Gasworks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 March 2017 12:02
To: 'Lee Reynolds'
Subject: RE: APP Meeting on Tuesday 4 April 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel, The Gasworks

Thanks Lee

From: Lee Reynolds [redacted]
Sent: 29 March 2017 11:37
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: APP Meeting on Tuesday 4 April 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel, The Gasworks

I will

Sent from my iPhone

On 29 Mar 2017, at 10:39, [redacted] wrote:

> Grateful if you could please advise who will be representing your party at next Tuesday's APP meeting.
>
> Many thanks
>
> [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 March 2017 15:45
To: [redacted]
Subject: APP Meeting on Tuesday 4 April 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel, The Gasworks

Dear All

Please find attached papers for the next meeting of the APP on Tuesday 4 April at 9.30 am, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, the Gasworks, Belfast.

This will be an opportunity to provide feedback on any aspect of the recent Northern Ireland Assembly election. Virginia McVea will be attending the Panel meeting for the first time, and we'll also be joined by Alex Denver of Royal Mail.

I'd be grateful if you could confirm who will be representing your party by Monday 27 March.

Many thanks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 September 2017 08:14
To: 'Lee Reynolds'
Subject: RE: APP Meeting on Tuesday 3 October 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

Thanks

From: Lee Reynolds [redacted]
Sent: 26 September 2017 08:13
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: APP Meeting on Tuesday 3 October 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

Yes

Sent from my iPad

On 26 Sep 2017, at 08:11, [redacted] wrote:

> Thanks Lee. If you could keep me updated when your plans firm up, it would be much appreciated. Is it likely you'll send a deputy if you're in England?
>
> Regards
>
> [redacted]
>
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>
> **From:** Lee Reynolds [redacted]
> **Sent:** 25 September 2017 15:42
> **To:** [redacted]
> **Subject:** RE: APP Meeting on Tuesday 3 October 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks
>
> Depends whether or not Im going to Tory conference or not. If not, yes I will.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Lee Reynolds
Subject: APP Meeting on Tuesday 3 October 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

Hi Lee

Grateful if you could confirm whether you're able to attend next Tuesday's APP meeting.

Many thanks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 September 2017 11:28
To: [redacted]
Subject: APP Meeting on Tuesday 3 October 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

Dear All

Please find attached papers for the next meeting of the APP on Tuesday 3 October at 9.30am at the Radisson Blu Hotel, the Gasworks, Belfast. This will be held in the Zinc Room on the First Floor.

I would be grateful if you could confirm to myself and copy [redacted] at [redacted] who will be representing your party by Friday 22 September.

Many thanks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 16:32
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: APP Meeting on Monday 19 June 2017 at 2pm - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

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From: Lee Reynolds [redacted]
Sent: 13 June 2017 11:24
To: [redacted] Sharon Skillen
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: APP Meeting on Monday 19 June 2017 at 2pm - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Sharon Skillen; Lee Reynolds
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: APP Meeting on Monday 19 June 2017 at 2pm - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

I appreciate there's a lot happening at the moment.

As I'll be leaving the office early afternoon, would you be good enough to confirm who'll be representing your party at next Monday's APP to [redacted]? You can reach him on [redacted] or Tel: [redacted]

Thanks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 June 2017 10:03
To: [redacted]
Subject: APP Meeting on Monday 19 June 2017 at 2pm - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

Dear All

I'd be grateful if you could let me know who will be representing your party at next Monday's APP meeting.

Please note this meeting will start at 2pm.

Thanks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 May 2017 13:45
To: [redacted]
Subject: APP Meeting on Monday 19 June 2017 - Radisson Blu Hotel - The Gasworks

Dear All

Please find attached papers for the next meeting of the APP on **Monday 19 June at 2 pm** at the Radisson Blu Hotel, the Gasworks, Belfast. This will be held in the Zinc Room on the First Floor.

I would be grateful if you could confirm who will be representing your party by Monday 12 June.

Many thanks

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From: Allan Ewart [redacted]
Sent: 30 March 2017 12:37
To: [redacted]
Subject: Donations

[redacted]

i am just checking that I dont need to inform the Electoral Commission of a donation, if money is transferred from a Branch to an Association. It is an internal transfer in the party.

Regards

Allan

[redacted]

From: Ann Watt
Sent: 15 May 2017 16:36
To: [redacted]
Subject: Contact at Electoral commission

Dear all

[redacted] will be away from the office for the next few weeks. If you have a query in [redacted] absence, please contact [redacted] in our office on 028 9089 4020 or email infonorthernireland@electoralcommission.org.uk .

If your query is about a party or election finance matter, we recommend you call the Commission's Party and Election Finance Helpline on 0333 103 1928.

Best wishes

Ann Watt

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