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Sent: 27 February 2018 17:43
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Subject: FOI 015/18 Campaign Spending Limits - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 015/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **27 January 2018** received by the Commission on **29 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.

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for:

The exact financial campaign spending limits for no registered, registered and lead parties in the 2016 EU Referendum and the 2014 Scottish Independence Referendum.

The financial spending limits and the amount of public funding procured for the Conservative Party, Labour, The Liberal Democrats, The Scottish National Party and UKIP in the 2015 and 2017 general elections.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

The information requested has been published on our website.

The spending limits for non-registered, registered and lead parties and campaigners in the 2016 EU Referendum can be found on our guidance page relating to that referendum. It can be found here on pages 6 and 10. Likewise, the information on the limits at the 2014 Scottish Independence Referendum can be found here on pages 6 and 9.

The financial spending limits, and how they are calculated, can be found here and here (page 16).

Any public funding received by the parties you have listed can be found in our register of donations to political parties. The public funding received by the parties is for specific purposes and is not available for campaigning at elections.

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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