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Sent: 27 March 2018 14:42
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Subject: FOI 048/18 Vote Leave and DUP Invoices - Response

Dear Mr [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 048/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **20 March 2018.**

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 in bold below followed by our response.

Can you please provide the invoice (NE0317142) between Vote Leave and DUP. The invoice is not included on the online database.

If you could also provide;

NE0322606
NE0322608

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) there are rules that referendum campaigners must follow in relation to referendum spending.

Registered campaigners that spent more than £10,000 in the referendum period for the 2016 EU referendum were required to submit a spending return to the Electoral Commission. Details of all items of expenditure which counted against their spending limit were to be included in this return, along with the details of all items of notional expenditure.

Notional expenditure refers to when a service or item is provided at a reduced rate or given for free. Referendum campaigners were required to record the full commercial value of these items or activities if:

- they received the item free of charge or at a discount of more than 10%, and
- the difference in value between the commercial value and what they paid was over £200

If the campaigner received a discount of 10% or less, or the difference in value was £200 or less, they only needed to record the amount they paid. Referendum campaigners were not required to submit invoices or receipts for items of notional expenditure.

The items of expenditure to which you refer in your request begin with the prefix ‘NE’. This refers to an item of notional expenditure for which it was not necessary to submit an invoice or receipt.

The Commission therefore does not hold this information.

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: 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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