

**From:** FOI

**Sent:** 24 April 2018 17:54

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FOI 055/18 Finances in 2016 EU Referendum Response

Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI 055/18**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **01 April 2018**, received by the Commission on **03 April 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, with clarifications in brackets, followed by our response.

**I would like to request access to the current proceedings made by the Electoral Commission on the spending by political groups that supported Remaining in the EU; specifically if there is evidence of collusion between the groups, although everything involving finances is wanted.**

*(Apologies for the confusion, when I referred to "current proceedings" I was not referring to legal ones, I had only meant any investigations and associated documents to political parties/groups that used funds to campaign for the UK to remain in the EU.*

***By collusion, I was merely asking whether the Electoral Commission suspect a misuse of funds or a manipulation of the laws provided by the "Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000")***

Our response is as follows:

**We do not hold the information you have requested.**

We do not have any ongoing investigations in respect of campaigners registered as supporting the 'remain' outcome in the 2016 EU Referendum. You may be interested in knowing that we have published all the referendum campaign spending returns of all registered campaigners in the EU referendum, as well as details of concluded investigations, on our website. You can find details of closed investigations [here](#).

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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