From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 080/18 Data Sharing between the EC and Government Departments - Response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 080/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **22 May 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.

1. **I would be most grateful if you could signpost me to any department/ resources available in order for me to investigate further the value this data could possibly have and the process to purchase the data.**

Our response is as follows:

We do hold some information relevant to your request.

Supply of copies of the full register and the associated documents is limited to those individuals and organisations prescribed in the Representation of the People Regulations 2001 (RPR 2001). Summarised here.

The Electoral Registers are held by each individual Electoral Registration Officer (ERO). There is no central UK-wide register maintained for any purpose and is therefore not available for purchase.

If you wish to purchase or request the electoral register, provided you are one of the people/organisations entitled to be supplied, you will need to contact the relevant Electoral Registration Officer, details can be found on Your Vote Matters. The ERO will be able to advise you of the costs in relation to the register. If you require all of the registers, you will need to contact each individual ERO.

Regulation 102 requires that any request must be in writing and must specify:

- the document that is requested
- whether the request is made for current documents only or whether it includes a request for the supply of any subsequent documents, such as notices of alteration (although the option of receiving subsequent documents does not apply to candidates requesting the documents for electoral purposes, so they will not need to include this); and
- whether a printed copy of any of the documents is requested instead of the version in data form.

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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