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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 088/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **6 June 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) The content of any written or emailed communications, on or prior to 14th December 2010, with respect to the Commission giving any advice to BNP Treasurer Clive Jefferson concerning the party registration forms RP1 and RP8, including any advice requested from Clive Jefferson.

2) Any records of any written communications where BNP Treasurer Clive Jefferson asked for previously filed RP1s and RP8s and any relevant replies to such requests from the Commission.

Our response is as follows:

We have some of the information you have requested.

Request one:
Please find attached two documents relating to this.

Request two:
We do not hold any information relating to this request.

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.

Exemptions under section 40(2)
You will notice that certain personal details have been redacted from the documents we are releasing. Section 40(2) provides exemption where the information requested constitutes personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA), and where release of the information requests would breach one of the data protection principles. Some of the information contained in the requested information falls within the description of personal data as defined by section1 of the DPA because the information relates directly to an identifiable living individual. This includes names and contact details of individuals in some instances. The individuals in some cases are junior staff members and they would not reasonably expect their information to be released.

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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08 December 2010

Party reference: [redacted]

Dear Mr Jefferson

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I am writing because, despite previous notices, the Commission still has not received your party's RP8 annual confirmation of registered details form and the £25 fee, which were due by 07 July 2010.

This means that your party will be de-registered if we have not received the RP8 annual confirmation form and £25 renewal fee **07 January 2011**. You should note that once your party is deregistered, Party candidates will not be able to use a description if standing at future elections, except for Parish and Community elections.

I enclose a RP8 form for your convenience. In order to remain on the Great Britain Register of political parties please complete and return the form, with a cheque for £25 made payable to *The Electoral Commission*.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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