From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: 090/18 Winter Trackers - Response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 090/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **7 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. **I would like to know the cost to the Commission of the 2016 and 2017 Winter Trackers, including the payment to the survey firm and any internal budget for the exercise.**

2. **I would like to see a copy of the remit or mission statement of the group within the Commission that commissions the Winter Tracker, including the group's most recent annual budget.**

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

The cost of the 2016 and 2017 Winter trackers are the cost of procuring a research agency to carry out the surveys. The costs were as follows:

- 2016: £30,950 excluding VAT
- 2017: £30,536 excluding VAT

The Electoral Commission commissions work corporately and therefore the remit/mission statement can be found in our most recent Corporate Plan here: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/243899/Corporate-Plan-2018-19-to-2022-23.pdf

Information on the Commission's corporate, annual budget can be found in our most recent Annual report and Accounts here: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/232864/2016-17-Annual-report-and-Accounts-English.pdf

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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