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From: FOI
Sent: 10 July 2018 12:11
To: [redacted]
Subject: Greg Clark/Sajid Javid Campaign Donations - Response

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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 103/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **04 July 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 request a list of donations and donors to Greg Clark's 2015 election campaign, as well as Sajid Javid's 2015 and 2017 elections campaigns.**

Our response is as follows:

We hold some of the information you have requested.

Donations made directly to candidates in elections are reported on their return of election expenses delivered to the Returning Officer. You can view the returns at the relevant local authority office free, or ask for copies for a charge. The Commission does publish summaries of the donation figures on our website, which you can find here:

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/find-information-by-subject/elections-and-referendums/past-elections-and-referendums/uk-general-elections/candidate-election-spending

Some donations to support candidates can be made to the local party in the constituency the candidate is contesting. The local party then funds the candidate. You can look at donations to political parties and search for donations to specific local parties on our website here:

http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/?currentPage=0&rows=10&sort=AcceptedDate&order=desc&tab=1&et=pp&et=ppm&et=tp&et=perpar&et=rd&isIrishSourceYes=true&isIrishSourceNo=true&prePoll=false&postPoll=true&register=gb&register=ni&register=none&optCols=Register&optCols=CampaigningName&optCols=AccountingUnitsAsCentralParty&optCols=IsSponsorship&optCols=IsIrishSource&optCols=RegulatedDoneeType&optCols=CompanyRegistrationNumber&optCols=Postcode&optC

ols=NatureOfDonation&optCols=PurposeOfVisit&optCols=DonationAction&optCols=ReportedDate&optCols=IsReportedPrePoll&optCols=ReportingPeriodName&optCols=IsBequest&optCols=IsAggregation

Another source of information about donations to local parties intended to assist candidates is the Register of Member's Financial Interests on the Parliament.uk website. Again, you can search this for relevant information. It only provides information for Members of Parliament, so unsuccessful candidates will not be covered, but that is not an issue in this case.

https://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/standards-and-financial-interests/parliamentary-commissioner-for-standards/registers-of-interests/register-of-members-financial-interests/

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.**

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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