

From: FOI
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 135/18 - Gov. Department's and PM spend EU referendum - response
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Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI 135/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **24 August 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. This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. How much money did each of the government departments and the Office of the Prime Minister report to your office for their support of the Government in the EU Referendum on 23 June 2016**

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Government departments and the Office of the Prime Minister were not required to report any referendum-related spending to us.

The Electoral Commission was responsible for regulating the rules on funding and spending by campaigners at the 2016 EU Referendum, as prescribed under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act (PPERA) 2000 (amended by the EU Referendum Act 2015). The rules on spending applied during the regulated period (15 April to 23 June). These rules exclude spending that is met out of public funds, which includes spending by the government. Consequently, UK government departments, including the Office of the Prime Minister, were not required to report any expenditure they incurred to the Commission in respect of the EU referendum.

You can see all reported spending by campaigners at the EU referendum on our online registers [here](#).

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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