

From: [FOI](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 150/18 - Recall petition - Response
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Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: FOI 150/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **21 September 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. Under the freedom of Information Act, I would like to make a request for information regarding the recall petition was run for Ian Paisley Jr. More specifically, I would like to know:

- how many (if nay) complaints the electoral commission received in relation to the way this process was run

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

The Commission has defined 'complaint' as anything that has been processed through our internal complaints procedure.

The Commission has not received any formal complaints (i.e complaints that have been processed through our complaints procedure) regarding the process of the recall petition.

We have however received negative feedback about the process, however these were not classed as complaints. Please see my opening line.

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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