[redacted]

From: FOI
Sent: 01 April 2021 10:22
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 012-21 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-012-21

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 12 February 2021.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and regrets that is has not done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is shown below followed by our response.

All written/verbal communication between Sinn Féin and the Electoral Commission regarding accounts and financial matters between 2015 and 2020,

Can the above information please include the transcripts of phone calls please?

On 26 February 2020 you provided the following narrowing of the scope of your request:

I would like to ask that the attention be given to Sinn Féin's annual accounts of the party since 2015.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

Some of the information requested is being released to you and can be accessed by our secure document sharing system Objective Connect.

You will receive an 'Invitation to Objective Connect Email Notification' (sent to the inbox of [redacted]). This notification will contain a link to enable you to start accessing your information. Please find below details on how to access the specific area we have set up for your documents.

1. Click on the link in the email.
2. You will be prompted to set up your username and password. Your username will be your email address, and your password can be whatever you like.
3. With your username and password, enter both details at the login screen and click 'login'.
4. You will now see your personal page, which will show the Share 'FOI – 012-21'
5. By clicking on the name of the share, you will find your documents.
6. You may view any of these documents
7. In addition you may download a copy to your personal computer by selecting the 'download' option and then 'save'.

This service will be closed 1 month from our response date, this is the **1 May 2021 at 5pm.**

There is some information that we are withholding as it is exempt from release. The information that we are not releasing is explained below.

Exemption under section 21

We are not disclosing the statements of accounts delivered by Sinn Féin as all of the information contained within it which can be disclosed under data protection law is included in our published register of accounts. That information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act. You can find our online register of accounts on our website, and the link below will take you to accounts delivered by Sinn Féin.

http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/Search/Accounts?currentPage=1&rows=10&query=Sinn%20F%C3%A9in&sort=PublishedDate&order=desc&et=pp&register=gb&register=ni&register=none&regStatus=registered&rptBy=centralparty&rptBy=accountingunits&optCols=PublishedDate&optCols=FinancialYearEnd&optCols=BandName&optCols=SoaType

Exemption under section 40:

You will notice that certain personal details have been redacted from the documents we are releasing. Section 40(2) provides for an exemption where the information requested constitutes personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA), and where release of the information requested 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 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.

Exemption under Section 44:

The Commission is prohibited by legislation from releasing information in relation to donations or loans that may have been given to a registered Northern Ireland party. Section 71E of the Political Parties Elections and Referendum Act 2000 (PPERA) places a duty of confidentiality on the Commission in relation to any information that relates to donations or loans from Northern Ireland recipients or information relating to our function in this area. We consider this information exempt under section 44(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-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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The Electoral Commission

Mr Conor Murphy
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7 March 2017

Dear Mr Murphy

Statement of accounts for year ending 31 December 2015

During a review of your party's accounts for the year ending 31 December 2015 we noted that the date below the signature on the independent auditor's report was 1 July 2015.

The date of the 1 July 2015 appears to be an erroneous entry on the report.

Can you confirm that the party's accounts for the financial year ending 31 December 2015 were audited within six months of the party's financial year end (31 December) and that the date '1 July 2015' is an error in the report.

Please provide a response to this letter by **16 March 2017**. If you have any questions about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]
Financial Reporting Manager
Political Finance and Regulation
[redacted]

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[redacted]

8 January 2019

[redacted] a chara

Thank you for your letter of 14 November 2018 and apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

In my letter of 12 October 2018 I stated that the Country Bank No.3 Account was formally closed at 2 May 2013. In actual fact this was the date of the last transfer into that account. Formal closure was at 25 July 2013 when the remaining funds were transferred into the Special Agency Account.

I have attached a schedule showing dates of transfers etc. I hope this provides the information you require but if you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact me.

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[redacted]
Sinn Fein National Treasurer

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7 January 2019

FOSF sub $500 Donations

1. For reference I have attached a copy of our letter of 27 March 2014 in which we gave details of the new Special Agency Account and explained the procedure for transferring funds from FOSF to Sinn Fein Six Counties.
(DOC 1)

2. 21 November 2012

The Special Agency Account [redacted] was set up at Country Bank with an initial deposit of $100. Prior to this sub $500 donations received by FOSF on behalf of Sinn Fein Six Counties were lodged to the FOSF No.3 Account [redacted] at Country Bank.

3. 13 February 2013

$125,000 was transferred from the No.3 Account to the Special Agency Account. This left a balance of $14,058.59 in the No.3 Account.
(DOCs 2 and 3).

4. 2 May 2013

The late James Cullen, President of FOSF, transferred $21,180.35 from the main FOSF Operating Account at Country Bank to the No.3 Account. We understand that this followed a trawl of the Operating Account for sub $500 donations lodged there.

5. 25 July 2013

The balance, which amounted to $35,523.94, remaining in the No.3 Account was transferred to the Special Agency Account and the No.3 Account was closed.

6. All of the sub $500 donations discussed above were reported to the US Justice Dept. and are listed in the FARA reports.

7. All funds sent to Sinn Fein Six Counties from FOSF were, in line with the procedures agreed in November 2010, sent from the Special Agency Acount

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14 November 2018

Dear Mr Murphy

2017 Statement of Accounts - income arising from Friends of Sinn Féin (USA) [redacted]

Thank you for your letter (12 October 2018) which we received on 18 October.

Your letter explains that difference in the amount of money received in donations, of $500 dollars or less, by Friends of Sinn Féin and the amount sent to Sinn Féin in Northern Ireland for the period 1 May 2012 – 30 April 2018 was due to a transfer of money between different bank accounts held by Friends of Sinn Féin. You state 'all monies held in the No.3 account were then transferred to the Special Agency account and the old account was formally closed at 2 May 2013'.

For completeness please provide a copy of the relevant bank statements to confirm the transfer of money between the two accounts by **30 November 2018**.

[redacted]

If you would like to discuss this letter, or will not be able to provide the requested information by 30 November please contact me.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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12 October 2018

[redacted]a chara

Thank you for your letter of 20 September 2018 .

You have asked us to address two issues. The first is a query regarding donations from the USA [redacted]

1. In line with the procedures set out in our letter of 22 November 2010, and agreed with the Electoral Commission, a Special Agency Account was opened by FOSF with the Country Bank in the USA at 21 November 2012.This account was to replace the existing Country Bank No.3 account which was used to hold all donations received by FOSF with a value below $500 and which had been reported to the US Department of Justice. All monies held in the No. 3 account were then transferred to the Special Agency account and the old account was formally closed at 2 May 2013. This transfer explains the apparent difference between the donations received and the amount transferred to Sinn Fein.

[redacted]

I hope this response clears up your queries but if you require any further confirmation do not hesitate to contact me..

Is mise le meas

[redacted]

Conor Murph
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14 March 2019

[redacted] a chara

Reference your letter of 26 February 2019 I can confirm the following:

[redacted]

3. The dedicated bank account can only be used to deal with sub £500 "donations". As agreed with the Commission, transfers are made to reimburse invoices on the direct instruction of Sinn Féin (Six Counties) [redacted]

I hope this helps to clarify the matters in question.

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20 September 2018

Dear Mr Murphy

2017 Statement of Accounts - income arising from Friends of Sinn Féin (USA) [redacted]

You may recall that we wrote to you in January this year and asked you to confirm if there had been any changes /amendments to the procedure the party provided to the Commission in November 2010 in regards to compliance with the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 *("PPERA") and* donations accepted from Friends of Sinn Féin (USA**).**

In response you stated that the procedure for dealing with these donations, as outlined in your letter of 22 November 2010 remained unchanged and did not breach the rules set out in PPERA. The procedure refers to the establishment of a dedicated bank account for lodging donations equal to or less than £500.

Following receipt of the party's annual accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017 we undertook a review of the returns (supplemental statement and exhibit) submitted by Friends of Sinn Féin to the US Department of Justice.

The first return (supplemental statement and exhibit) that appears to make reference to a specific account held by Friends of Sinn Féin (USA) that received donations of £500 or less (dollar equivalent) was for the period 1 May 2012 – 31 October 2010.

We compared the total amount of donations of £500 or less (dollar equivalent) reported to the US Department of Justice as received into the Friends of Sinn Féin (USA) account and the amount of money sent to Sinn Féin in Northern Ireland for the period 1 May 2012 – 30 April 2018.

Total donations of £500 or less (dollar equivalent): $142,305

Total money transferred to Sinn Féin: $183,889

- As the amount of money transferred to Sinn Féin during the period exceeds the amount of donations received please clarify the reason for the difference.

[redacted]

[redacted]

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

[redacted]

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

Please provide a response to this letter by **Friday 5 October 2018.**

If you would like to discuss this letter please contact me

Yours sincerely

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26 February 2019

Dear Mr Murphy

Income via Friends of Sinn Féin (USA)

[redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 8 January 2019 in which you provided additional details of the transfer of money between the 'No.3 account to the Special Agency account'. You included copies of two bank statements dated 28 February 2013 for the 'No.3 account' and the 'Special account'. You set out a series of transactions to explain the difference in the amount of money received in donations, of $500 dollars or less, by Friends of Sinn Féin and the amount sent to Sinn Féin in Northern Ireland for the period 1 May 2012 – 30 April 2018.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Please provide a response to this letter by **Tuesday 12 March.**

If you would like to discuss this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]
Senior Officer (Political Parties Liaison)
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: Accounts and Friends of Sinn Féin queries
Date: 25 July 2019 14:32:54
Attachments: 26-06-19[redacted]- C Murphy.pdf

Hi [redacted]
I left a voicemail message for you as I had a question about the party's accounts. I've attached a copy of my letter of 26 June 2019 which I don't appear to have received a response to. Can you please follow that up and let me know when I can expect a reply please.
Regards

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From: [redacted]
To:
Subject: Accounts
Date: 25 June 2020 11:58:25

Hi [redacted]
You can email the accounts to me, but also copy them to this address, just in case I'm off.
infonorthernireland@electoralcommission.org.uk
regards

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27 March 2014

Seamus a chara

I refer to your letter of 27 February 2014.

In November 2010, following on from discussions with the Commission, we set out a proposed procedure which would allow for the transfer, in compliance with PPERA (2000), to Sinn Fein (North of Ireland) of monies received on our behalf by Friends of Sinn Fein (FOSF) USA. We have now put this procedure into effect.

I have attached a copy of the procedure and propose to go through it point by point:

1. The dedicated account has been set up:

   Bank: [redacted]
   Name of Account: [redacted]
   Account Number: [redacted]

2. The Account is used solely to handle funds donated for the use of Sinn Fein (North of Ireland). Withdrawals can only be made on written instructions from myself in my role as Sinn Fein Finance Manager. I have attached an example of a payment request.

3. All individual amounts lodged to the Account fall below the £500 threshold for donations. FOSF USA provide Sinn Fein (North of Ireland) with a list of all individual lodgements made to the Account. The details provided include the names of the "donors" and the amounts given and makes it easy for us to ensure against aggregation. I have attached an extract from the accounts for your information.

4. As the monies received through the Account fall below the donation threshold we propose categorise them as Sundry Income in the Party Accounts. The corresponding expenditure will be allocated to appropriate headings in the Income & Expenditure Account or Balance Sheet.

5. We are happy that the procedures we have implemented are in compliance with the relevant sections of PPERA.

If you need any further information or clarification regarding any of the above do not hesitate to contact me.

Is mise le meas

[redacted]

Sinn Fein Finance Manager

COUNTRY BANK

DOC 2

FDIC

Special A/C Statement @ 28/2/13.

[redacted]
Friends Of Sinn Fein Inc
Special Account
420 Lexington Ave, Ste 300
New York NY 10170-0399

Date 2/28/13 Page 1
Account Number [redacted]
Enclosures

---- CHECKING ACCOUNTS ----

NON-PROFIT CHECKING		Image Statement	0
Account Number	[redacted]	Statement Dates 2/01/13 thru	2/28/13
Previous Balance	100.00	Days in the statement period	28
1 Deposits/Credits	125,000.00	Average Ledger	71,528
Checks/Debits	.00	Average Collected	71,528
Service Charge	.00		
Interest Paid	.00		
Ending Balance	125,100.00		

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
2/13	TELEPHONE TRANSFER [redacted]	125,000.00	125,100.00

COUNTRY BANK

DOC 3

FDIC

No3 Account Statement 28/02/2013.

[redacted]
Friends Of Sinn Fein Inc
#3 Account
420 Lexington Ave, Ste 300
New York NY 10170

Date 2/28/13 Page 1
Account Number [redacted]
Enclosures

---- CHECKING ACCOUNTS ----

NON-PROFIT CHECKING		Image Statement	0
Account Number	[redacted]	Statement Dates 2/01/13 thru	2/28/13
Previous Balance	136,843.59	Days in the statement period	28
2 Deposits/Credits	2,215.00	Average Ledger	65,493
1 Checks/Debits	125,000.00	Average Collected	65,493
Service Charge	.00		
Interest Paid	.00		
Ending Balance	14,058.59		

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
2/13	TELEPHONE TRANSFER [redacted]	125,000.00-	11,843.59
2/28	DEPOSIT	15.00	11,858.59
2/28	DEPOSIT	2,200.00	14,058.59

The Electoral Commission

Dear Accounting Unit Treasurer

Why we are writing to you

I am writing to remind you of the deadline to submit your accounting unit's statement of accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017. All accounting units whose gross income or total expenditure was greater than £25,000 during the year are required to submit a statement of accounts.

Nearly all accounting units that are required to submit their accounts do so on time.

When do you need to submit your statement of accounts?

If your accounting unit's gross income or total expenditure for the year was between £25,000 and £250,000:

- You must submit your statement of accounts by **30 April 2018**

If your accounting unit's gross income or total expenditure was over £250,000:

- You must submit your audited statement of accounts by **07 July 2018**

If your accounting unit's gross income and total expenditure were each less than £25,000:

- You **do not** need to submit accounts for 2017

How do you submit a statement of accounts?

You should submit your statement of accounts directly to us at the address below.

We strongly encourage you to use the standard format for accounts set out in the Commission guidance. You can use either cash or accruals accounting and, to help you, there are templates and a spreadsheet tool available on our website at the following link:

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/party-or-campaigner/guidance-for-political-parties/submitting-your-statements-of-accounts

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Your statement of accounts will be published on our website, so please do not include any bank account or personal contact details in your accounts that you do not wish to be published.

What happens if you fail to submit on time?

It is a legal requirement for you to submit your accounting unit's statement of accounts on time and if you do not, you may be subject to sanctions including a penalty of at least £200. Please contact us as soon as possible if you think you may be in difficulties meeting the deadline.

Advice and Help

We have guidance to help you complete the statement of accounts at:

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance/resources-for-those-we-regulate/parties/statements-of-accounts

The guidance also contains an example of an accounting unit statement of accounts.

If you require any help or have any queries regarding your accounting unit's annual statement of accounts you can contact our advice phone line, 0333 103 1928, or email pef@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]
Senior Officer (Political Parties Liaison)
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To:
Subject: FW: Accounting unit - statement of accounts reminder CCM:0113479
Date: 17 February 2021 11:35:37
Attachments: AU treasurer SOA reminder year ending 2017.pdf

---------- Original Message ----------
From: [redacted]
Received: 13/03/2018 12:11
To: [redacted]
Subject: Accounting unit - statement of accounts reminder

Dear [redacted]

I would be grateful if you would forward the attached reminder letter to your accounting unit treasurers.

Regards

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From: [redacted]
To:
Subject: FW: Correspondence from the Electoral Commission CCM:0113221
Date: 17 February 2021 11:28:36
Attachments: 14-11-18[redacted] - C Murphy.pdf

---------- Original Message ----------
From: [redacted]
Received: 20/12/2018 12:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Correspondence from the Electoral Commission CCM:0113221

Dear Mr Murphy,
Can you please advise me when you will be able to provide a response to my letter of 14 November 2018.
Regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 November 2018 14:31
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Correspondence from the Electoral Commission CCM:0113221
Please see attached letter .
Regards
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From: [redacted]
To:
Subject: FW: Letter to accounting units about statement of accounts submission CCM:0113483
Date: 17 February 2021 12:25:45
Attachments: AU SOA Reminder NI parties.pdf

---------- Original Message ----------
From: [redacted]
Received: 05/03/2015 11:53
To: Seamus [redacted]
Subject: Letter to accounting units about statement of accounts submission

Dear [redacted]

As you will be aware, the deadline for submission of accounting unit 2014 statement of accounts (where income or expenditure is more than £25,000 but less than or equal to £250,000) is Thursday 30 April 2015.

Over the last few years, you kindly agreed to distribute to the accounting units of your party a letter reminding treasurers of the need to submit statements of accounts by 30 April deadline. I would be very grateful if you could do the same again this year. If you cannot do so, please let me know as soon as possible and I will arrange for alternate arrangements to be made; to do so I will need the address of each accounting unit registered with the party.

I have attached a PDF copy of the reminder letter.

Thank you once again for your help.

Yours sincerely

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From: [redacted]
To:
Subject: FW: Re: Accounting units - Statement of accounts reminder CCM:0113478
Date: 17 February 2021 11:04:04

---------- Original Message ----------
From: [redacted]
Received: 01/04/2019 11:36
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Accounting units - Statement of accounts reminder

Good morning [redacted]

That's no problem at all. I had already checked with the accounting units and none of them are close to the threshold.

Regards
[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

On 1 Apr 2019, at 11:02, [redacted] wrote:

> Dear [redacted]
> In previous years you've kindly circulated an Electoral Commission letter to your accounting units, reminding them of their responsibility to submit a Statement of Accounts to the Electoral Commission. I've attached this year's letter to this email and would like to ask you to do so again. If for any reason this is not possible, please let me know.
> If you have any questions please contact me.
> Regards
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>
> <2018 AU Reminder.pdf>

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Sinn Fein account's
Date: 07 July 2020 11:21:01

Hi [redacted]

The accounts haven't arrived with us yet. Have they already been emailed?

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2020 11:06
To: [redacted]
Subject: Sinn Fein account's

Good morning [redacted]

Our accountants are just going to forward the accounts to you. Could you please confirm receipt before we leave his office Stay safe [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: infonorthernireland; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Sinn Féin Six County Report & Financial Statements Year Ended 31st December 2019
Date: 07 July 2020 11:28:22
Attachments: image001.jpg

Dear [redacted]
I acknowledge receipt of the party's statement of accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019, and accompanying auditors certificate.
Regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2020 11:16
To: [redacted]
Cc: infonorthernireland
Subject: Sinn Féin Six County Report & Financial Statements Year Ended 31st December 2019

Dear [redacted]
Conor Murphy has requested that I forward the attached accounts to you. You might acknowledge safe receipt.

[redacted]

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I refer to your letter of 7 March 2017.

Our Auditor, signed off on the 2015 Accounts on 1 July 2016. Unfortunately due to a "typo" this was shown on the certificate as 1 July 2015. I signed the Balance Sheet as Sinn Fein Treasurer on 6 July 2016 and the accounts were delivered to the Commission the following day.

I hope this clears up the confusion and I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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