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Sent: 05 May 2021 16:24
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 045-21 - Response

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Dear [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 045-21

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act dated 01 April 2021 and received by the Commission 06 April 2021. You wrote:

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 shown below followed by our response.

I would like the following information:

1 - The total number of people registered to vote in the Scotland for the Scottish elections of 2007, 2011, 2016
2 - The total number of people registered to vote in Scotland for the UK elections of 2015, 2017, 2019

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested however the information that you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 21 provides for an exemption where the information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The information we hold is available on our website (the 2007 figures are available on an archived version).

The registered electorate for Scottish Parliament elections can be found as below:

2007:
https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20150805142927/http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/excel_doc/0006/55590/Scotland-Parl-Elec-2007-Turnout-Electorate-Constituency.xls
2011: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/excel_doc/SP-postal-and-admin-data-WEB.xlsx
2016: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-04/Electoral-Data-Results-May-2016-Scottish-Parliament-elections_2.xls

The registered electorate in Scotland for the UK Parliamentary elections can be found as below:

2015: http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/excel_doc/0011/191648/UKPGE-turnout-postal-rejected-admin-amended-WEB.xlsx
2017: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/excel_doc/0007/234979/2017-UKPGE-Electoral-Data.xls
2019: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-05/UKPGE%202019-%20Electoral%20Data-Website.xlsx

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: 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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