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From: FOI
Sent: 15 June 2021 10:49
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 086-21 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-086-21

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 18 May 2021 and received by the Commission on 19 May 2021.

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.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please supply details of how much the Conservative Party has received in 'party donations' from known property developers since July 2019

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested; however, it 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 that you have requested is accessible to you by using our online register of donations to political parties.

When political parties report their donations to us, they must include certain details about the donor. Where the donor is a company, the required detail to be reported is the company's registered name, the address of its registered office and its Companies House registration number. There is no requirement in the legislation for political parties to report to us the company donor's nature of business.

The online register of donations is searchable by a number of other criteria and can be found here. You will need to enter the name of the company that you are interested in. Alternatively, the search results can be exported as a CSV file.

We do not have any details of donations beyond 31 March 2021. Political parties are not required to deliver reports for donations from 1 April to 30 June 2021 until the end of July 2021. We will then publish those donations in due course.

The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority and I trust that this information satisfies your request.

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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