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From: FOI
Sent: 23 July 2021 08:55
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 103-21 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-103-21

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 29 June 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.

How long, from the submission of the application to final approval, did it take for the Alba Party to be processed?

How long, from the submission of the application to final approval, did it take for the Taking The Initiative Party to be processed?

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

We have understood your request as referring to the application submitted by each of the named parties to register as a political party.

Alba Party submitted their application to register as a political party on 21 December 2020. We considered the application complete on 28 December 2020. The party was registered on 08 February 2021. The party's entry on the register can be viewed here.

Taking The Initiative Party submitted their application to register as a political party 12 June 2017. We considered the application complete on 31 August 2017. The party was registered on 02 October 2017. The party's entry on the register can be viewed here.

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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