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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** 02 August 2016 12:43  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI 124/16 - EU Referendum Voting Data

Dear [REDACTED]

**Our Ref: FOI 124/16**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

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.

You have requested:

- 1) **What was the total number of votes cast?**
- 2) **Of the total number of votes cast what exact number voted for leave?**
- 3) **Of the total number of votes cast what exact number voted for remain?**
- 4) **What was the total number of registered electors?**
- 5) **Of this total number of registered elector, how many did not vote at all?**
- 6) **How many of the total registered electors were registered to vote from abroad to vote by postal ballot?**
- 7) **Were any arrangements made for voters abroad to vote at UK embassies or consulates?**
- 8) **Of the number in 6 (above) which countries are they based in – please give country breakdown, e.g. France, New Zealand USE etc.)**
- 9) **Of the voters registered abroad how many did not vote at all?**
- 10) **Of the voters registered abroad how many voted remain?**
- 11) **Of the voters registered abroad how many voted leave?**
- 12) **Of the figures in 10 and 11 above, can you also please give a country by country breakdown (e.g. France, Germany, New Zealand etc.**
- 13) **What was the total percentage of all registered voters who voted for leave?**
- 14) **What was the total percentage of registered voters who voted for remain?**
- 15) **What was the total percentage of registered voters who did not vote at all?**
- 16) **What was the total number of and percentage of registered voters who voted but spoiled their ballot papers?**

Our response is as follows:

- 1) **What was the total number of votes cast?**  
33,577,342
- 2) **Of the total number of votes cast what exact number voted for leave?**  
17,410,742
- 3) **Of the total number of votes cast what exact number voted for remain?**  
16,141,241

- 4) What was the total number of registered electors?**  
46,500,001
- 5) Of this total number of registered elector, how many did not vote at all?**  
Approximately 13 million registered electors did not cast a valid vote in the referendum. This figure of approximate as it does not take account of those who cast a postal vote which was rejected due to an issue with the supplied personal identifiers.
- 6) How many of the total registered electors were registered to vote from abroad to vote by postal ballot?**  
This data is currently being collected from individual counting areas and will be made publically available on our website later in the year.
- 7) Were any arrangements made for voters abroad to vote at UK embassies or consulates?**  
No arrangements were made for voting at embassies.
- 8) Of the number in 6 (above) which countries are they based in – please give country breakdown, e.g. France, New Zealand USE etc.)**  
This data is not available and the data being collected as described in our response to question 6, will not allow for this level of detailed analysis.
- 9) Of the voters registered abroad how many did not vote at all?**  
This data is not currently held by the Commission.
- 10)Of the voters registered abroad how many voted remain?**  
The voting choice of overseas voters is not recorded due to the secret ballot.
- 11)Of the voters registered abroad how many voted leave?**  
The voting choice of overseas voters is not recorded due to the secret ballot.
- 12)Of the figures in 10 and 11 above, can you also please give a country by country breakdown (e.g. France, Germany, New Zealand etc.**  
The voting choice of overseas voters is not recorded due to the secret ballot.
- 13)What was the total percentage of all registered voters who voted for leave?**  
51.9%
- 14)What was the total percentage of registered voters who voted for remain?**  
48.1%
- 15)What was the total percentage of registered voters who did not vote at all?**  
Approximately 28% of registered voters did not cast a valid vote.
- 16)What was the total number of and percentage of registered voters who voted but spoiled their ballot papers?**  
25,389 ballots were rejected at counts, representing 0.1% of all votes cast.

The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority. 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:  
<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: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely

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