From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 165/18 - Claire Bassett leaving the Electoral Commission - Response
Date: 31 October 2018 14:47:19

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 165/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **27 October 2018.**

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.

1. **Can you tell me will Ms Bassett be getting a payoff for leaving the commission? Has she signed a NDA?**

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

The Commission considers requests of this nature to be exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. 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.

However in the interest of transparency, the data subject, Claire Bassett, has given her consent for us to answer the two requests *only* that you have raised. Please find our answers below.

1. **Can you tell me will Ms Bassett be getting a payoff for leaving the commission?**
   No, Ms Bassett will not receive a payoff for leaving the Commission. Ms Bassett resigned from the Commission in order to accept a new role. You may find it helpful to see the announcement from the Department for International Trade, which can be found here.

2. ***Has she signed a NDA?***
   No, Ms Bassett has not signed a non-disclosure agreement.

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: 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: https://ico.org.uk/

Yours sincerely,

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