From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 168/18 - response
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Dear [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 168/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **02 November 2018**.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and regrets that it has not done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

1. **Please send to me all records of information which allege, or prove, the Electoral Commission and National Crime Agency know Arron Banks did not commit any funding illegalities during the United Kingdom European Union membership referendum campaign and that the current National Crime Agency investigation in to Arron Banks's funding of the Leave.EU campaign is for political effect.**

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

We consider this information to be exempt under sections 30 and 31 of the FOI Act. You can find details of why this exemption applies on our website here:

Recent investigation - exemptions

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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