From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 180/18 - response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 180/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **16 November 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. Please outline and list all dialogue official or unofficial between the previous chairman of the electoral commission on one side and Cabinet Secretary or National Security Adviser on the other.

2 Please outline and list all dialogue official or unofficial between those involved in appointments at the senior team of Electoral Commission particularly the chairman on one side and Cabinet Secretary or National Security Adviser on the other.

3. This question is about the Electoral Commission's own supervisor/regulator. Please tell me the names of individuals to contact at this regulator and the process they can be expected to follow in the event of whistleblower revelations from within the Electoral Commission.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

1. **Please outline and list all dialogue official or unofficial between the previous chairman of the electoral commission on one side and Cabinet Secretary or National Security Adviser on the other.**

Details of meetings attended by the Chair(s), including past chairpersons can be found on the Commissions website via the link below.
https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/our-work/who-we-are/the-commissioners

2. **Please outline and list all dialogue official or unofficial between those involved in appointments at the senior team of Electoral Commission particularly the chairman on one side and Cabinet Secretary or National Security Adviser on the other.**

We do not consider this to be a request for information under the Act. We are not required to create data to comply with requests for information.

3. **This question is about the Electoral Commission's own supervisor/regulator. Please tell me the names of individuals to contact at this regulator and the process they can be expected to**

follow in the event of whistleblower revelations from within the Electoral Commission.

The Commission has a Whistleblowing policy. The policy applies to employees, contractors and agency workers and Commissioners.

The policy has a “Who Should You Contact” section which includes who to contact to invoke the policy.

Users of the policy are asked to raise the concern with their line manager in the first instance. If unable to raise the matter with him/her then:

- your Director or
- the Head of HR

Other alternatives stated in the policy are that you can raise the concern with the Chief Executive, Chair, Chair of the Audit Committee, our Internal Auditors or the National Audit Office.

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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