From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 181/18 - Electoral Commission salaries and budget - response
Date: 11 December 2018 15:48:34

Dear [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 181/18

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. What are the salaries of all officials paid by the Electoral Commission's FOI team.

2. From which Government fund or department of state is the Electoral Commission's budget derived?

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

1. **What are the salaries of all officials paid by the Electoral Commission's FOI team.**

The information you have requested is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 21 provides for an exemption where the information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

Information regarding salaries can be found on the link below.
https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/our-work/who-we-are/salaries-over-60,000

Salaries below £60,000 are exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The administration of requests made under the Act falls within the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate and sits within the Information Management team, a sub team which reports to the Head of ICT and Facilities.

2. **From which Government fund or department of state is the Electoral Commission's budget derived?**

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Information regarding the Commissions budget approval can be found on the link below.
https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/our-work/who-we-are/governance-and-

decision-making/speakers-committee

Use of Section 40(2).

Part of the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act 2000.

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 requests would breach one of the data protection principles. The information contained in the requested information falls within the description of personal data as defined by section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) because the information relates directly to an identifiable living individual.

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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Access to Information Officer (FOI and DPA)

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