From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 187/18 - Rejected ballot papers - response
Date: 17 December 2018 10:45:33

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 187/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **23 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.

Please could you tell me:

a) the exact number of rejected ballot papers in the 2017 UK Parliamentary General Election; and

b) the exact number of rejected ballot papers in the 2016 UK referendum on membership of the EU.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

The total number of rejected ballots at the 2017 UKPGE was 74,289 and at the 2016 referendum the total number rejected was 25,359.

This data is also available on our website.

2017 UKPGE:
https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/excel_doc/0007/234979/2017-UKPGE-Electoral-Data.xls
2016 EU Referendum:
http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/excel_doc/0009/215289/EU-Referendum-electoral-data-website-version.xlsx

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority.

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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