

From: [FOI](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 193/18 - Chair of the EC appointment
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Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI 193/18

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

It's been brought to my attention that Electoral Commission staff have been recruited directly from the Treasury which was found to have acted improperly during the referendum with the publication of intentionally misleading financial estimates which have since been proven as false.

1. What is John Holmes's term as chairman of the 'Electoral' Commission. Or is it an appointment without fixed time period?

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

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 accessible to the applicant by other means.

Information regarding Sir John Holmes and our Commissioners can be found on the link below.

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/our-work/who-we-are/the-commissioners/sir-john-holmes>.

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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