

From: [FOI](#)  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FOI 203/18 - response  
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Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI 203/18**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **04 December 2018**.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and regrets that it has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

- 1. Please let me know whether John Holmes in his arrival at the Electoral Commission made due disclosures of his considerable proximity both socially and professionally to the most virulent and prominent agents and exponents of the EU Project situated within the United Kingdom including his friend Tony Blair, John Major, Mark Malloch-Brown, David Miliband, Andrew Adonis and Jonathan Hill. Yes or no will suffice.**

Our response is as follows:

**We do not hold the information you have requested.**

The Electoral Commission does not oversee or manage the recruitment of new Commissioners.

The recruitment and selection process for new Commissioners is conducted by the Speaker's Committee. During the recruitment process individuals are required to complete a political activity declaration form.

The Speaker's committee on the Electoral Commission is a statutory body established under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERAA 2000).

For more information on the appointment process you may wish to visit a recent report published by the Speaker's Committee, available on the link below.  
<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmspeak/1727/172703.htm>.

Further information regarding Electoral Commissioners activity is available on our website, please see the link below.

The meetings of the chair are published here,  
<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/our-work/who-we-are/the-commissioners>.

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->

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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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