

From: [FOI](#)  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FOI 209/18 LibDem Campaign spending advice pre May 2016 Response  
Date: 30 January 2019 17:00:04

---

Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI 209/18**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **20 December 2018**.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and we regret that we have not done so on this occasion.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

**Please could you provide any correspondence from the Liberal Democrat Party seeking advice about the allocation of campaign spending between Party [List] and Candidate expenses, and any responses from the Electoral Commission.**

**The time-frame required is prior to the 2016 Scottish Parliament election. (i.e. 5-May-2014 to 5-May-2016)**

Our response is as follows:

Your request relates to instances where the Liberal Democrats sought advice from the Commission about the allocation of campaign spending between Party [List] and Candidate expenses. You have connected the time frame of your request to the 2016 Scottish Parliament election and specified 'list' candidates. Accordingly, we have interpreted the scope of your request to mean advice sought in the context of that election.

**We do not hold the information you have requested.** However, you might be aware that we have published [guidance in relation to splitting campaign spending on our website](#).

I trust that this information satisfies your request. If you intended the scope of your request to be wider than we have interpreted, you can of course make a further request for information.

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,

[REDACTED]

Information, Knowledge and Systems Manager

[FOI@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:FOI@electoralcommission.org.uk)

**The Electoral Commission**



[electoralcommission.org.uk](http://electoralcommission.org.uk)