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From: FOI
Sent: 17 May 2022 08:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 045-22 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-045-22

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 13 May 2022.

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 shown below followed by our response.

A while ago in a FOI response you stated that the Commission employed two professionally qualified accountants, one each from two bodies.

Kindly confirm or amend this and state the professional bodies involved.

Also please state whether these individuals are involved in the accounting function of the Commission or in the electoral administration side.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

We have three professionally qualified accountants employed at the Commission.

Two are principally involved in the accounting function of the Commission but provide professional support to the regulation side as required and occasionally to the electoral administration side (e.g. on Returning Officer costs and fees). One is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and the other is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.

The third person, also a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, works in the area of regulation.

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

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:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-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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