From: FOI

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To:

Subject: FOI 064-22 - Response

Dear ,

Our Ref: FOI-064-22

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 15 August 2022 and received by the Commission on 16 August 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.

I would like a breakdown on how much the Scottish government has given to charity since the beginning of 2022 and to what charities specifically

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA), there are controls on which donations and loans a *political party* can accept. Certain donations and loans must be recorded and reported to us. You can find more information on our website here.

Your query relates to the Scottish Government which is not required to report to us.

You may wish to redirect you enquiry to the Scottish Government itself which is bound by the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. You can email your request to ceu@gov.scot.

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: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/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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