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From: FOI
Sent: 06 September 2022 08:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 070-22 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-070-22

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 29th August 2022 and received by the Commission on 30th 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 information from the Parliamentary Elections in Stroud on 7th May 2015.

Could you please send me a copy of the nomination papers or notice of election that contains the names of the candidates who were standing.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Information pertaining to the nomination of candidates and the notice of election are managed by the relevant (Acting) Returning Officer at the time of the election. The documents which are set out in legislation as being required to be securely stored following a Parliamentary election are required to be held for a period of 12 months after the election, before being destroyed. They are held by the Electoral Registration Officer based at the relevant local council and not by the Commission.

You may find the information on the Parliament website helpful as this lists who the candidates were for that election: [Stroud \(Constituency\) 2015 results - General election results - UK Parliament](#)

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: 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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