From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 076-22 - Response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-076-22

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 29 September 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.

Please indicate the proportion of postal votes cast in Scotland compared to England in the 2019 General Election, and please explain the disparity, if there is one.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

At the 2019 UK General election in England 17.6% of electorate were issued with a postal ballot and 83% of votes were returned. At the same election in Scotland 18.1% of electorate had postal ballots issued and of these 84% were returned.

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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