From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 077-22 - Response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-077-22

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 2 October 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.

1. *How much did the Labour Party spend on the 2019 General Election in Oxford West & Abingdon?*
2. *How much did the Labour Party spend on the 2019 General Election in Oxford East?*
3. *How much did the Labour Party spend on the 2018 local election in Summertown ward?*
4. *How much did the Labour Party spend on the 2010, 2015 and 2017 General Elections in Oxford West & Abingdon?*
5. *How much did the Labour Party spend on the 2010, 2015 and 2017 General Elections in Oxford East?*
6. *How much did the Labour Party spend on the 2017 General Election in Woking?*
7. *How much did the Labour Party spend on the 2019 General Election in Woking?*
8. *How much did the Labour Party spend on local elections Sheerwater/Canalside ward since 2014?*
9. *How much did the Labour Party spend on local elections in Oxford city since 2010? Please send spend by ward and year.*

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

The Commission holds spending data reported to it by registered parties for all United Kingdom Parliamentary General Elections (UKPGEs) since 2001.

However, spending is reported with a single spending return from the central party. There is no requirement for a party to identify spending geographically, other than by nations – ie England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland. In some cases spending may be identifiable as specific to a particular place, but this will not always be the case. It is not therefore possible to reliably identify spending in specific constituencies or areas from the data and we do not therefore hold the specific information you have requested.

The national spending information we hold is accessible to you through the Electoral Commission's public search site. It is therefore exempt from disclosure

under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 21 provides for an exemption where the information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

You can use this link to search for data. This link is to a search we have pre-refined for you to all UKPGEs, but you can amend the search terms further to refine the data.

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/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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