**From:** FOI
**Sent:** 08 November 2022 12:05
**To:** [redacted]
**Subject:** FOI 081-22 - Response

Dear [redacted]

**Our Ref: FOI-081-22**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 14 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.

*Please provide me with a Freedom of Information request about my communication with Electoral Commission about intent to Register Abolition Party end of October 2022.*
*Also add to my pending ongoing Foi request, my insistence that Abolition Party remain reserved in my name.*

**Our response is as follows:**

We hold the information you have requested.

Section 21 provides for an exemption where the information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. We can confirm that all information we hold relating to this request is held within the email exchange with you dated from 13 October 2022, and therefore already in your possession. As such, the information that you have requested is exempted from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Freedom of Information Act (the Act) provides a general right of access to information held by the Electoral Commission.

We note that in the email containing your FOI request, you also stated that you intend to seek a judicial review if we do not reserve a proposed name. As stated in our email to you dated 14 October 2022, the Commission does not reserve proposed party names, and we have nothing further to add on this matter.

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: 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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