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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** 03 April 2023 09:39  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI 028-23 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI-028-23**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 29 March 2023.

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 to know the amount of donations made to the Conservative Party by energy suppliers (gas and electricity).*

*I would like the information to cover the amounts donated by company in each of the last 4 years up to 2022. If any donations have been made in 2023 please add these also.*

**Our response is as follows:**

We hold the information you have requested.

The information is 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. The information that you have requested is accessible to you by using our online register of donations to political parties. The register includes all donations reported to the Commission and is searchable by a number of criteria. It can be found [here](#).

You have asked specifically about energy suppliers. Our register of donations does not include the type of company because the legal requirements do not include providing that information. However, you can search by the name of a company that you are interested in.

In the 'Search for' field, type the name of the company. If the company has made donations to the party of over £7500, the results will bring up all donations since 2001. To limit the results, click on 'Search filters' and then enter your chosen date in the 'From' field under 'Date range'. Lastly, tick the 'Date accepted by donee' box under 'Donation date'. Click on 'Update results' and this will give you the data you are looking for.

The results can also be saved by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking the 'Export Results CSV' icon.

There are currently no results for 2023. The party must deliver its first report to us for 2023 by 30 April. We will then publish the content of that donation report within 30 working days.

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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