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From: FOI
Sent: 20 April 2023 10:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 029-23 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-029-23

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 31 March 2023.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

As per our email correspondence of 3 April, we are replying to your request via email. Your request is shown below followed by our response.

For all the following data, I am referring to the 2019 General Election. Any data regarding previous elections in relation to the questions below would be greatly appreciated! Especially in 2017, so I can see the change within the 2 years!

British Indians

- 1. What Percentage of the British Indian diaspora (people who identify as "British Indians", ethnicity: "Indian", "Indian") voted for each party (Conservatives, Labour, Lib Dems etc)*
- 2. What was the voter turnout in the British Indian diaspora (people who identify as "British Indians", ethnicity: "Indian", "Indian")*
- 3. What % of the British Indian Diaspora (people who identify as "British Indians", ethnicity: "Indian", "Indian") is registered to vote in any elections*
- 4. Any data on the membership of political parties by the British Indian diaspora including which party.*

British Pakistani

- 1. What Percentage of the British Pakistani diaspora (people who identify as "British Pakistani", ethnicity: "Pakistani", "Pakistani") voted for each party (Conservatives, Labour, Lib Dems etc)*
- 2. What was the voter turnout in the British Pakistani diaspora (people who identify as "British Pakistani", ethnicity: "Pakistani", "Pakistani")*
- 3. What % of the British Pakistani Diaspora (people who identify as "British Pakistani", ethnicity: "Pakistani", "Pakistani") is registered to vote in any elections*

4. Any data on the membership of political parties by the British Pakistani diaspora (people who identify as "British Pakistani", ethnicity: "Pakistani", "Pakistani"), including which party.

British Bangladeshi

1. What Percentage of the British Bangladeshi diaspora (people who identify as "British Bangladeshi", ethnicity: "Bangladeshi", "Bangladeshi") voted for each party (Conservatives, Labour, Lib Dems etc)

2. What was the voter turnout in the British Bangladeshi diaspora (people who identify as "British Bangladeshi", ethnicity: "Bangladeshi", "Bangladeshi")

3. What % of the British Bangladeshi Diaspora (people who identify as "British Bangladeshi", ethnicity: "Bangladeshi", "Bangladeshi") are registered to vote in any elections

4. Any data on the membership of political parties by the British Bangladeshi diaspora (people who identify as "British Bangladeshi", ethnicity: "Bangladeshi", "Bangladeshi"), including which party.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold all of the information you have requested.

The Commission does conduct research into levels of electoral registration. However, this is survey-based research and the size of the sample limits the detail of our analysis. The most recent research is available [on our website](#) and shows that registration among white respondents was 84% compared to 76% for those with an Asian background.

Providing you with a link to our website is in line with the section 21 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act which states that we do not need to supply information that is already accessible elsewhere.

Data on turnout by demographics is only available from public opinion survey data as no detailed demographics are held on the electoral registers. However, this does not tend to allow for detailed demographics, eg specific ethnicity, as this data from Ipsos shows: <https://www.ipsos.com/en-uk/how-britain-voted-2019-election>

The Commission does not collect data on the ethnicity of political party members.

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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