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From: FOI
Sent: 18 April 2023 07:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 032-23 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-032-23

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 11 April 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.

*Where EComm is advised by a third party that accounts it publishes of a political party are incorrect what steps does the Commission take to verify the truth and amend what it publishes ?
Clearly it cannot rely on accounts published by the Registrar of Companies at a later date as these too may be incorrect. In any event Cos House just publishes what it is sent just as you do.*

The public must be able to rely on accurate legally compliant accounts for protection.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

Registered political parties are required to deliver annual statements of accounts to the Commission. Where the Commission is, or becomes aware of, credible information indicating that those accounts may be inaccurate we will consider that information and we may take action in accordance with our [Enforcement Policy](#). Specific steps taken will depend on the circumstances.

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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