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From: FOI
Sent: 24 May 2023 09:34
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 049-23 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-049-23

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 26 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.

Please provide all information held by the Electoral Commission concerning the change of auditors of the Conservative and Unionist Party from BDO LLP for financial year 2020 and Nexla Smith & Williamson for financial year 2021.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Registered parties are not required to notify the Commission of a change of auditors, only to deliver the required audit report where applicable. The Commission became aware of the change of auditors of the Conservative and Unionist Party from BDO LLP to Nexla Smith & Williamson at the time the relevant audit report was delivered to the Commission by the due date, along with the party's statements of accounts.

<https://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/Api/Accounts/Documents/23238>

<https://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/Api/Accounts/Documents/24338>

There has been no other correspondence and we do not hold any other information relating to the change.

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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