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From: FOI
Sent: 31 May 2023 10:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 054-23 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-054-23

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission received 02 May 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 request all information in relation to the late reporting of the loan between Mr Peter Murrell and the Scottish National Party including the following:

- *the nature of the loan*
- *the terms of the loan*
- *the justification given to the electoral commission as to why the loan was reported late*
- *paper work in which the loan was notified to the electoral commission*
- *all email exchanges between the electoral commission and Scottish national party employees and officials in relation to the loan.*

Our response is as follows:

We hold some of the information you have requested.

The information you have requested 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 you by other means. You can find the information we hold and that you are looking for by using the website hyperlinks below.

The first hyperlink is a recent Freedom of Information request received by the Commission followed by our response.

The second hyperlink is where the same requestor challenged our response, this shows their request and our response to the points raised.

[002-23 - FOI response](#)
[002-23 - Internal review response](#)

There is no paperwork in which the loan was reported to the Electoral Commission. This is because most political parties upload their donation and loans returns directly into our [online political finance database](#) from where we directly publish the information.

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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