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From: FOI
Sent: 13 June 2023 12:15
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 064-23 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-064-23

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 17 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.

Please report the number of incidences of interference from Tellers by Polling Station made to the Police on 4th May 2023 and also give the number of incidences for previous years.

Our response is as follows:

We hold some of the information you have requested.

Throughout the year, all police forces across the UK send us data about allegations of electoral fraud that they receive and investigate.

Every year we report on the number, type, and outcome of these allegations, so that the public can understand what's happened and how cases are resolved.
You can find information about cases of alleged electoral fraud over the last five years on our website.

Providing you with this link to our website is in keeping with the section 21 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, which states that we do not need to reproduce information if it is reasonably accessible by other means.

Data covering the May 2023 elections is being collected at the moment and will be published in due course.

The data is therefore exempt under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 22 provides for an exemption where the information requested is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption which requires the public interest test to be considered. We understand that there is a legitimate public interest in the information you have requested; however, it is not in the public's interest to release partial data or an incomplete analysis of that data.

There is a clear need for the information requested to remain within our predetermined publication timetable, and as such we determine the exemption remains in favour of withholding the information.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority but in some circumstances we cannot responsibly release requested information, and we ask for your understanding in this regard.

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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