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From: FOI
Sent: 15 August 2023 14:28
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 096-23 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-096-23

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 18 July 2023 and received by the Commission on 19 July 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.

Immediately before the last European Parliament election , former Prime Minister Gordon Brown made allegations about the funding of The Brexit Party. The Commission immediately launched a review of that party's finances and gave an inconclusive public statement leaving doubts remaining immediately prior to the election.

There was no further statements and it is assumed the Commission found nothing untoward.

Did Gordon Brown apologise to the Commission for his wrongful allegations ? Apart from the public statement by the Commission were there any further communications with Gordon Brown ? If so May I please see a copy or copies.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

There was no further correspondence or communication with Mr Brown on this matter.

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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