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From: FOI
Sent: 05 October 2023 12:17
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 141-23 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-141-23

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 12 September 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'm wondering how much of your approximate £17m spending do you deploy on increasing voter registration?

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

According to section 13 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, the Electoral Commission's spending on public awareness activities is capped by law.

That includes **all** public awareness activity, which is largely dedicated towards public awareness campaigns to drive voter registration and to raise awareness of the need to bring ID to vote in some elections.

The £17m figure you may have seen refers to the level of that cap, rather than the actual amount of money spent or planned to be spent.

For the current financial year (2023/24), our planned spend on voter registration campaigns – both to date and expected for the rest of the financial year – is £3,449,900.

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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