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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** 06 November 2023 09:59  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI 157-23 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI-157-23**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 23 October 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.

- a) *how many FOI enquiries to the EC:*
  - a. *have been responded to as of 23/10/23 with the following criteria:*
    - i. *original FOI received after 8/8/23 with # after FOI-XX-120-2321*
    - ii. *status: all that exclude apologies for not replying in full (in other words those that have had a proper reply)*

*For clarification: these are ones that have 'jumped the queue'.*

*If the number is greater than zero, please explain why you not dealing with FOI enquiries on a strictly first come first served basis.*

*Different resource requirements for different enquiries will not be an acceptable answer.*

**Our response is as follows:**

We hold the information you have requested.

Between 9 August and 22 October 2023 the Commission responded in full to 21 Freedom of Information requests with a reference number above FOI 120-23.

All requests for information are logged in the order they are received and then assigned to a team for a response. There are a number of teams who respond to these requests, each of which has specialised knowledge and responsibility for a different aspect of the Commission's work. For example, an enquiry about party spending would be responded to by someone in our Registration and Reporting Team, and a request for information about the number of people voting in an election, would fall to our Research Team.

The requests we receive will vary in length and complexity and while we should meet the regulatory requirement of responding within 20 working days, we reply sooner if it is possible to do so. If we have a number of responses ready to be issued, we prioritise them in the order they were received.

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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