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From: FOI
Sent: 18 January 2024 07:41
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 002-24 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-002-24

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 8 January 2024.

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.

1. Does the Electoral Commission have a category for Romani (Gypsy), Roma, and Travellers on your ethnic monitoring forms?

2. How many Romani (Gypsy), Roma, and Travellers voted in the 2019 general election?

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold all the information you have requested.

1. Does the Electoral Commission have a category for Romani (Gypsy), Roma, and Travellers on your ethnic monitoring forms?
No, we do not have the specific category “Romani (Gypsy), Roma, and Travellers” on our monitoring forms. We do have the option for “other” followed by free text to state one’s ethnicity if not on the list.

2. How many Romani (Gypsy), Roma, and Travellers voted in the 2019 general election?
Data on turnout by demographics is only available from public opinion survey data as no detailed demographics are held on the electoral registers. However, this does not tend to allow for detailed demographics, eg specific ethnicity, as this data from Ipsos shows: https://www.ipsos.com/en-uk/how-britain-voted-2019-election.

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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