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From: FOI
Sent: 31 January 2024 07:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 003-24 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-003-24

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 10 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.

Please will the Electoral Commission confirm whether:

- 1. Polsloe and Priory Social Club (Elmside House, Elmside, Exeter, EX4 6LR) funds the Conservative Party in any way; and*
- 2. Hire fees generated from the Polsloe and Priory Social Club fund the Conservative Party.*

Our response is as follows:

We hold some of the information you have requested.

- 1. Polsloe and Priory Social Club (Elmside House, Elmside, Exeter, EX4 6LR) funds the Conservative Party in any way;*

We hold this information and it can be accessed on our [political finance database](#), where search options let you specify the type of payment received (donation, loan) and by whom (political party, non-party campaigner, etc). You can also search using key words or phrases.

Please note that under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA), donations and loans of a value of £500 or less do not need to be reported.

Because the information you've requested is accessible to you on our website, it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 21 removes the need to provide information in our response if it is reasonably accessible to an applicant by other means.

- 2. Hire fees generated from the Polsloe and Priory Social Club fund the Conservative Party.*

We do not hold this information.

We suggest you contact the Polsloe and Priory Social Club to ask how their hire fees are used.

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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