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Sent: 19 August 2024 13:17
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 101-24 - Response
Attachments: 101-24 Commission sanctions April 2019 to March 2022.csv

Dear [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 101-24

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 15/07/2024.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and regrets it has not done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

I'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask that you please disclose to me a breakdown list on what political parties have been fined for since 2019.

I'd a yearly figure for each party please, or the means to retrieve this information myself, and to include the data: date, name of party, amount (as both a total and individual amounts) and what the fine was for please.

If it is split by category, such as late or non registry of donations, then this format with the other data is fine too.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

For data from 2019 - March 2022 please see attached spreadsheet.

Data from April 2020 to May 2024 can be found using the link below. Section 21 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 exempts from disclosure information which is reasonably accessible to the requestor by other means. The link is as follows: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/political-registration-and-regulation/our-enforcement-work/investigations.

Please note, the table shows data from April 2024 onwards; below the table you will need to select 2021 and 2022 to expand those years.

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: 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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Monthly sanctions publications (April 2019 - March 2022)

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Subject	Investigated for	Outcome	Summary of reason(s) for decision	Total value of	Date Published
British Resistance (registered political party)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts.	Offence. £300 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£300	16-Apr-19
Labour Party (Watford accounting unit)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	16-Apr-19
Taking the Initiative (registered party)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts; late delivery of quarterly donations and transactions reports	Offences. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	16-Apr-19
The Entertainment Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts.	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	16-Apr-19
Liberal Democrats (Camborne, Redruth and Hayle accounting unit)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	21-May-19
Liberal Democrats (Kensington and Chelsea accounting unit)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	21-May-19
Scottish Democratic Alliance (registered political party)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	21-May-19
Conservative and Unionist Party (Wakefield accounting unit)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	18-Jun-19
Labour Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate quarterly donations reports	Offences. Penalties totalling £1,000 (£500 and £500 variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£1,000	18-Jun-19
Labour Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver compliant spending return for 2017 UKPGE	Offences. Penalties totalling £750 (£500 and £250 variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£750	18-Jun-19

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Britain First (registered political party)	Failure to comply with a statutory notice; failure to deliver audit report for accounts; failure to maintain accounting records; failure to deliver accurate quarterly donations reports	Offences. Penalties totalling £44,200 (£20,000; £5,500; £11,000; and £7,700 variable monetary penalties).	The Commission considered, in line with its enforcement policy, that sanctions were appropriate in this case.	£44,200	16-Jul-19
Scottish National Party (Moray Constituency accounting unit)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	The Commission considered, in line with its enforcement policy, that sanctions were appropriate in this case.	£200	16-Jul-19
Conservative Party (Beckenham accounting unit)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts	Offence. £400 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£400	20-Aug-19
Liberal Democrats (Southwark accounting unit)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts	Offence. £400 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£400	20-Aug-19
Green Party (Bristol accounting unit)	Late delivery of 2017 statement of accounts.	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	18-Oct-19
Plumstead Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of quarterly donations and transactions reports.	Offences. £300 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£300	18-Oct-19
Wandsworth Planning Reform Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of quarterly donations and transactions reports.	Offences. £600 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£600	18-Oct-19
Renew (registered political party)	Late delivery of quarterly donations and transactions reports.	Offences. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	19-Nov-19
Unity in Action (registered political party)	Late delivery of quarterly donations and transactions reports.	Offences. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	19-Nov-19
UK Independence Party (UKIP) (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate weekly donations reports for 2017 UK Parliamentary General Election.	Offence. £400 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£400	17-Dec-19
Black Country Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of quarterly donations and transactions reports.	Offences. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	21-Jan-20
Green Party (registered political party)	Failure to notify Commission of a change in registered accounting unit officer by due date.	Offence. £400 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£400	21-Jan-20

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The Entertainment Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of 2018 statement of accounts.	Offence. £350 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£350	21-Jan-20
Plaid Cymru (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate quarterly donations reports.	Offences. Penalties totalling £29,268.	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£29,268	18-Feb-20
Citizens Action Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver statement of accounts (2018).	Offence. £350 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£350	17-Mar-20
Shropshire Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of weekly donations and transactions reports for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election.	Offences. Penalties totalling £400 (2 x £200 fixed monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£400	19-May-20
The Cynon Valley Party (registered political party)	Late submission of annual accounts (2018)	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty)	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	19-May-20
Ulster Unionist Party (Fermanagh and South Tyrone accounting unit)	Late submission of annual accounts (2017)	Offence. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	19-May-20
English National Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of annual accounts (2018).	Offence. £350 (variable monetary penalty). Due for payment by 8 July 2020.	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£350	16-Jun-20
Plaid Cymru (registered political party)	Failure to notify Commission of a change to the registered treasurer and registered second officer of an accounting unit by due date.	Contraventions. Penalties totalling £750 (2 x £375 variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£750	16-Jun-20
Conservative and Unionist Party (GB) (registered political party)	Failure to notify Commission of a change to the registered treasurer of the accounting unit by due date.	Contravention of a prescribed requirement. £300 (variable monetary penalty).	The party failed to notify the Commission of a change to the registered treasurer of its East Lothian accounting unit by the due date. Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£300	21-Jul-20
Duma Polska = Polish Pride (registered political party)	Late submission of annual accounts (2018); Late delivery of quarterly donations and transactons reports.	Offences. £400 (variable monetary penalty).	Mitigating factors meant that no sanction was imposed for the late delivery of the quarterly reports. A sanction was imposed for the late delivery of the annual accounts in line with our enforcement policy. The party was voluntarily deregistered on 2 October 2019.	£400	21-Jul-20
North East Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of weekly donations and transactions reports for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election.	Offences. £200 (fixed monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	21-Jul-20

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Renew (registered political party)	Late delivery of quarterly donations and transactions reports; Late delivery of weekly donations and transactions reports for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election; Failure to deliver annual accounts (2018); Failure to notify Commission of a change to the party's registered treasurer by due date.	Offences and contraventions of a prescribed requirement. Penalties totalling £5,580.00 (10 x variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£5,580	21-Jul-20
Compass (registered political party)	Failure to notify Commission of a change to the party's registered leader.	Contravention of a prescribed requirement. £700 (variable monetary penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£700	18-Aug-20
Green Party (GB) (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate quarterly donations report; Late delivery of quarterly transactions report.	Offences. Penalties totalling £1,950 (£800 and £1,150 variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£1,950	18-Aug-20
Conservative and Unionist Party (GB) (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate quarterly donations reports.	Offences. Penalties totalling £4,400 (£3,600, £550 and £250 variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£4,400	15-Sep-20
Scottish Green Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate quarterly donations reports.	Offences. Penalties totalling £5,349.75 (7 x variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£5,349	15-Sep-20
The Brexit Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver an accurate quarterly donations report.	Offence. £200 fixed monetary penalty.	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	15-Sep-20
Burnley and Padiham Independent Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver as required weekly donations and transactions reports at 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election.	Offences. Penalties totalling £400 (2 x £200 fixed monetary penalties)	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£400	17-Nov-20
Labour Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate quarterly transactions reports.	Offences. Penalties totalling £2,750 (£1,000, £250, £750, £500, £250 variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£2,750	15-Dec-20
Independent Network (GB) (registered political party)	Failure to notify Commission of a change to the party's registered campaigns officer and registered nominating officer within 30 days.	Contraventions of a prescribed requirement. Penalties totalling £750 (£450 and £300 variable monetary penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£750	19-Jan-21
Mebyon Kernow - The Party for Cornwall (registered political party)	Late delivery of campaign spending return for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election.	Offence. £200 Fixed Monetary Penalty.	A sanctions was appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	16-Mar-21
Scottish Green Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver complete campaign spending return for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election (missing invoice).	Offence. £200 Fixed Monetary Penalty.	The invoice was delivered late. A sanction was appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	16-Mar-21

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The Migrant Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of quarterly donations and transactions reports; Failure to notify Commission of a change to the party's registered address within 28 days.	Offences and contravention of a prescribed requirement. Penalties totalling £400 (2 x £200 Fixed Monetary Penalty).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£400	16-Mar-21
British National Party (registered political party)	Late delivery of campaign spending return for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election.	Offence. £300 Variable Monetary Penalty.	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£300	20-Apr-21
The Best for Luton Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver weekly donations and transactions reports for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election on time.	Offences. Penalties totalling £400 (2 x £200 Fixed Monetary Penalty).	A sanction was appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy. The party has now been voluntarily deregistered.	£400	18-May-21
Gwlad (registered political party)	Late delivery of weekly donations and transactions reports for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election; late delivery of campaign spending return for 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election.	Offence. £200 Fixed Monetary Penalty.	A sanction was appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	21-Sep-21
Labour Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate quarterly donation reports.	Offences. Penalties totalling £1,820 (Variable Monetary Penalties of £400, £320, £360, £300 and £440).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£1,820	21-Sep-21
UK European Union Party (registered political party)	Failure to deliver a complete campaign spending return for 2019 European Parliament election; failure to deliver accompanying signed declaration; failure to deliver quarterly transaction report on time.	Offences. £200 Fixed Monetary Penalty in respect of the incomplete campaign spending return.	A sanction was appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£200	19-Oct-21
Renew (registered political party)	Late delivery of 2019 UK Parliamentary General Election campaign expenditure return.	Offence. £2,800 Variable Monetary Penalty.	A sanction was appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£2,800	16-Nov-21
Conservative and Unionist Party (GB) (registered political party)	Failing to deliver accurate quarterly donation report; failing to keep accurate accounting records.	Offence and contravention of a prescribed requirement. Penalties totalling £17,800 (£16,250 and £1,550 Variable Monetary Penalties).	Sanctions were appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£17,800	09-Dec-21
Liberal Democrats (registered political party)	Failure to deliver accurate quarterly donations report.	Offence. £1,000 Variable Monetary Penalty.	A sanction was appropriate in this case, in line with our enforcement policy.	£1,000	15-Mar-22