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Dear [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 048-25

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission.

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 in bold below followed by our response.

You have asked for the following information:

> ***Dear FOI team at the Electoral Commission, I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information act to request the following information.***
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> 1. ***How much money in cryptocurrency donations has been accepted in the past five years (2020,2021,2022, 2023, 2024) Please split by year and political party, e.g. in 2022, the Conservatives accepted x in cryptocurrency.***
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> 2. ***How much in cryptocurrency donations has been rejected over the past five years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024). Please split by year and political party, as well as indicating reason for rejection.***

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Donations to political parties can come in many forms, including currency, crypto-currency and services in kind.

Parties must check that donations they accept over £500 are permissible and report them to the Commission when they are over £11,180. Parties must accurately record and value donations, and we will help them do so, and then make the donations public as the law sets out.

No registered political parties have reported any donations that they have identified as cryptocurrency.

Parties can only accept donations from a permissible source. If a donation does not come from a permissible source, or if they cannot identify the donor, they must return it. No registered political parties have reported any impermissible donations that they have identified as cryptocurrency.

Our guidance on crypto currencies can be found here.

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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