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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** 01 March 2017 14:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI 08/17 - NI Party Expenditure during EU Referendum

Dear [REDACTED]

**Our Ref: FOI 08/17**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated **7 February 2017**.

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 in bold below followed by our response.

You have requested:

- **Correspondence to Elcomm from Eire questioning funding and expenditure in the referendum campaign by parties in Northern Ireland.**
- **Copies of your responses and any related correspondence with the Minister for N.Ireland.**

Our response is as follows:

**We do not hold the information you have requested.**

We do not request or record the geographical location of individuals who correspond with us. Most of our correspondence is by telephone or email, and we would not usually be able to identify where they came from.

However, we have looked for correspondence where the international telephone indicates that the call came from the Republic of Ireland and also for e-mail addresses that contain '.ie' in its domain name. Of the records that we found with this international code or e-mail, none were in relation to the question about correspondence to the Commission from Republic of Ireland.

You asked a second question about correspondence with the Minister for Northern Ireland on the subject of funding and expenditure in the referendum campaign by parties in Northern Ireland. I can confirm that we do not hold any such correspondence.

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: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information-requests/how-do-i-make-an-foi-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: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely



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