

**Caitlin Lindenberg**

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** 08 July 2016 09:59  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI 110/16 - Spoiled Ballot Papers

Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI 110/16**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

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:

**I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following information:**

**How many spoiled ballot papers were cast during the recent EU Referendum?**

**Ideally, I would like to receive the information as broken down council by council, but if this is not possible an overall figure would be fine.**

Our response is as follows:

The Commission has published the data requested on its website here:

[http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/\\_data/assets/file/0014/212135/EU-referendum-result-data.csv](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/file/0014/212135/EU-referendum-result-data.csv)

The total number of ballots rejected at local counts is shown in column N with the individual reasons for rejection shown in columns O – R.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority.

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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