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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 33/16 - Scottish election candidates

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: FOI 33/16

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated 15th April 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:

Could you please provide me with any financial documents (relating to candidate funding and spending) available for Scottish Parliament candidates standing in the 2016 election for the following constituencies:

**Aberdeen Central
Aberdeen Donside
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine
Aberdeenshire East
Aberdeenshire West
Angus North and Mearns
Angus South
Banffshire and Buchan Coast**

Could any relevant documents be provided for candidates from 2011 to nearest available date, with documents sorted by candidate and subject.

Our response is as follows:

We no longer hold copies of the 2011 candidate returns of expenses and donations. We did compile summary information of the candidate returns for that election at the time and this is available on our website here: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/find-information-by-subject/elections-and-referendums/past-elections-and-referendums/scottish-parliamentary-elections/candidate-election-spending>

We also do not hold the information for the 2016 Scottish Parliamentary elections.

Constituency candidates at the 2016 election must deliver a return of expenses and donations to the Constituency returning officer following the elections. The deadline for submitting the return is either 9 or 10 June 2016, depending on whether the result was announced on 5 or 6 May. You will need to contact each Constituency returning officer to view these returns. The returns are held for a period of two years. The candidates do not provide any other documents (relating to candidate funding and spending) prior to the election.

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>

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