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Sent: 05 May 2017 10:37
To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: FOI
Subject: FOI 48/17 Cambridge Analytica Response

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: FOI 48/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **25 April 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:

I would like to know whether The Conservative Party, The Labour Party, The Liberal Democrats or The UK Independence Party have given any money / paid the company Cambridge Analytica since June 23 2016 to the present day.

If you find they have, I would appreciate all further details such as: how much money was given / when the money was given / what the money was for.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Pursuant to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ('PPERA'), registered political parties, including the four parties you are interested in, are required to keep a record of all their election campaign spending and referendum campaign spending. We do not currently hold or have access to the Parties' internal records of regulated spending incurred since 23 June 2016.

However, political parties must send us a spending return after an election or referendum and these spending returns must be a complete statement of all campaign payments made by that party during the regulated period.

For future reference, we publish party spending returns online to ensure there is transparency about campaign spending at elections and referendums. For example, Parties which incur spending in excess of £250,000 campaigning for the UK Parliamentary General Election of 8 June will need to submit their campaign spending returns by 8 December 2017. The returns will be published on a date soon afterwards.

This information can be accessed from our website, [here](#).

The Conservative and Unionist Party, Labour Party, Liberal Democrats and UK Independence Party have not reported any spending with Cambridge Analytica incurred prior to 23 June 2016.

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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