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From: FOI
Sent: 29 June 2016 14:12
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI 67/16 - Incorrect G Markers

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: FOI 67/16

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act dated and clarified 3rd 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:

To ask: Before the 2nd June 2016, how many members of the electoral register had had their G marker set incorrectly in:

- i) South West and Gibraltar**
- ii) East Midlands**
- iii) London**
- iv) Eastern**
- v) South East**
- vi) West Midlands**
- vii) Wales**
- viii) North West**
- ix) North East**
- x) Yorkshire and the Humber**
- xi) Scotland**
- xii) Northern Ireland**

I am requesting information for the one year from between 02/06/2015 to 02/06/2016

Our response is as follows:

The Commission does not hold the specific information requested.

However, ahead of the referendum, the Commission released information in relation to an issue with elections software used by a number of local authorities in England and Wales. This issue meant some non-eligible EU citizens had mistakenly received poll cards and, in some instances, postal votes. We indicated that 3,502 electors were affected across 171 local authorities. The list of authorities is available here:

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/data/assets/excel_doc/0019/208333/EU-Referendum-G-marker-confirmed-numbers-list-WEB.xls

The software provider resolved the issue and, if any postal votes had been issued to these electors, they were cancelled and none of these electors were shown as eligible on the electoral

registers used at polling stations on 23 June. All of the affected electors were also be written to by their local Electoral Registration Officer with an explanation of what happened and were told that they could not vote at the referendum.

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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From: FOI
Sent: 03 June 2016 15:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 67/16 - Incorrect G Markers

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act dated and clarified 3rd June 2016, concerning:

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You may expect to receive a reply sent from the Commission by 1st July 2016.

Yours sincerely

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