

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000125
Date 9 May 2016

Overseas Voting in the EU Referendum

Request:

This FOIA request concerns steps Counting Officers are taking to ensure that UK voters registered in the district may receive and return overseas postal ballots in advance of the EU Referendum Count (23.06.2016).

1. Please provide the number of UK voters registered in your district as due to be issued with a Referendum postal ballot pack, sent to an overseas EU postal address, by separate totals in each of the 27 EU Member States (including Malta and Cyprus).
2. Please provide the total number of UK voters registered in your district as due to be issued with a Referendum postal ballot pack to an overseas Commonwealth and British territory, by separate totals in each named territory (excluding Malta and Cyprus).

In respect of questions 1 and 2 above, please find attached list provided on the next page which is the list of countries to which we will be sending postal votes. Where a country is mentioned more than once, it means there is more than one postal voter - i.e. if a country is mentioned six times, this represents six postal voters.

3. Please provide the estimated or known cost/s for arranging an international business response licence with Royal Mail to cover for the first despatch (23-27.05.2016) and return of overseas postal ballot packs to overseas UK voters registered in your district.

In respect of your question 3, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as the government makes arrangements direct with Royal Mail for the costs of the overseas post return licence and therefore believe it is billed directly. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

As the registration process is ongoing, numbers should relate to completion totals for the first despatch (23-27.05.2016).

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