



Response to Request for Information

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Registered Third Parties – regulated by Electoral Commission

Request:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

For the years 2016 and 2017, please provide a list of registered third parties - regulated by the Electoral Commission - that have requested electoral registers and/or electoral register updates, overseas voters lists, and/or absent voters lists.

For each registered third party, please provide details on what they requested and when they requested it. Please also indicate whether their requests were fulfilled.

In response to your request, we can confirm the information you have requested is no longer available.

In line with the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016, Retention and Public Inspection of documents, Regulation 58 – (1), A registration officer or (as the case may be) counting officer must retain for a year all documents relating to the referendum and then, unless otherwise directed by an order of a competent court, must have them destroyed. See attached.

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Retention and public inspection of documents

58.—(1) A registration officer or (as the case may be) counting officer must retain for a year all documents relating to the referendum and then, unless otherwise directed by an order of a competent court, must have them destroyed.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) a competent court is—

- (a) in relation to a registration officer in England and Wales, the High Court, the Crown Court or a magistrates' court;
(b) in relation to a counting officer in Scotland, the Court of Session;
(c) in relation to the counting officer for Northern Ireland, the High Court.

(3) While documents are retained under paragraph (1) they must be open to public inspection.

This does not apply to—

- (a) ballot papers;
(b) the completed corresponding number lists;
(c) certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll.

(4) The registration officer or (as the case may be) counting officer must, on request, supply to any person copies of or extracts from any description of the documents open to public inspection that is prescribed by the relevant regulations.

(5) A right to inspect or be supplied with a document or part of a document under this regulation is subject to—

- (a) any conditions imposed by the relevant regulations, and
(b) the payment of any fee required by the relevant regulations.

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