Harriet Fielding

From: FOI

Sent: 29 June 2016 14:22

To:

Subject: RE: FOI 75/16 - Voter registration requests received, accepted and rejected

Dear

Our Ref: FOI 75/16

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act dated 8th June 2016, received by the Commission on 9th 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:

In light of the recent extension of the deadline for voter registration for the EU Referendum following technical problems with the online system, it is vital for ensuring that the eventual Referendum result is seen as legitimate that the Electoral Commission publishes as a matter of extreme urgency by age range and by every counting officer area and region a full breakdown of the number of voter registration requests received, accepted and rejected across three time periods:

- 1. from 2215 when the technical fault occurred until midnight Tuesday 7th June 2016 (the original deadline)
- 2. from midnight on Tuesday 7th June 2016 until the final close of voter registration (yet to be decided)
- 3. the eventual total for the EU Referendum as a whole

Please supply the data digitally as editable Excel or .CSV files.

Our response is as follows:

The Commission is not responsible for the online voter registration website. This is run and maintained by Cabinet Office. Some statistics on users of the website are available here: https://www.gov.uk/performance/register-to-vote

Further detail may be available from Cabinet Office on request.

We are currently collecting data from counting officers on applications received and additions to the registers ahead of the referendum. This data will be published on our website later in the summer.

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-l-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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You may expect to receive a reply sent from the Commission by 7th July 2016.

Yours sincerely

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