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Dear Andi Ali

Your Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request, detailed below, which we received on 30 October 2020.

"In your recent enquiry into Antisemitism within the Labour party, you admitted in your report that you investigated "70 complaints of Antisemitism within the party made between 2016 and 2019, but you did not investigate others." Many of these 'others' included false complaints of Antisemitism made against one or more members of the Labour Party,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following information.

- 1) How many false complaints of Antisemitism did you receive during your investigation.
- 2) Why did you not investigate them?
- 3) Do you intend to investigate them.
- 4) If not, why not?"

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our Response

For ease of reference, we have copied your requests numbered 1 to 4 and provide our response below:

- 1) How many false complaints of Antisemitism did you receive during your investigation?
- 2) Why did you not investigate them?

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3) Do you intend to investigate them?

4) If not, why not?

Response:

The Terms of Reference for the Equality and Human Rights Commission investigation into the Labour Party state:

'The investigation will focus on the Party's response to a sample of complaints of alleged unlawful acts that have taken place since 11 March 2016. However, the investigation may consider the Party's response to such complaints that have taken place prior to this date, if it is considered necessary and appropriate.'

Furthermore, the investigation was to consider:

'whether unlawful acts had been committed by the Labour Party and/or its employees and/or agents'

'whether the Labour Party had responded to complaints of unlawful acts in a lawful, efficient and effective manner'.

The Terms of Reference required the investigation to focus on the Party's response to a sample of complaints, investigate and consider whether any unlawful acts had been committed by the Party and, further, whether the Party's response to complaints had been lawful, efficient and effective. Given the scope of the Terms of Reference we do not hold the specific information set out in your requests 1 to 4.

Internal Review

If you are unhappy with our response and wish to request an internal review please write to the Information Governance Team at:

Email: foi@equalityhumanrights.com

or

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During the independent review the handling of your request will be reassessed by Commission staff afresh.

If following the review you are not content with the outcome you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Generally the ICO will not provide a decision until you have exhausted the review process within the Equality and Human Rights Commission. If the Commission can be of any further assistance please contact us using the details provided below.

We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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