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Your ref:
Our ref: C-532427

Date: 15 December 2020

Dear Mr Delahunty,

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information which I have dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

You have requested the following:

“In a speech published on 8 October, Baroness Stowell said:

"I have seen action, including litigation, that seems motivated by, or part of, a wider, aggressive response to the Commission’s legitimate regulatory scrutiny.

"And I have seen challenges that seem less motivated by the best interests of the charity’s purpose and beneficiaries, and more about shielding individuals from accountability to protect their personal reputations."

Based on the the [sic] chair's description of actions, litigations and challenges above, can the commission provide the criteria it uses to assess such cases?"

I can confirm that we do not hold information relevant to your request.

As previously advised, the Commission does not systematically record information in the way requested.

However, you may find it useful to look at the Commission’s risk framework - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/risk-framework-charity->

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[commission/regulatory-and-risk-framework](#). This sets out how the Commission assesses risk when deciding how to deal with cases generally.

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If you are not satisfied with the internal review, you are able to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our review procedure. The ICO can be contacted at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF (email: casework@ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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