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From: Victoria Woodcock

Received: 12/07/2016 17:12

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: David Alan Halsall; [REDACTED] Matthew Elliott

Subject: Re: FOI 71/16 - Vote Leave

Hi [REDACTED],

Please see my comments below. We believe that the letters regarding Ryanair act as a complaint (although the early letters were a notification of an issue you should look in to).

1. councils over late supply of absent voter lists (1.1-1.6) - agree this is a complaint
2. misleading postal vote guidance (2) agree this is a complaint
3. EU citizens receiving postal ballots (3-5.2) agree this is a complaint
4. French industrialists for Remain ad (6) we do not believe this was a complain but a notification of an issue that you should look into
5. treating by Operation Croissant (7) we do not believe this was a complain but a notification of an issue that you should look into
6. letters to the Commission regarding the ITV debate (minus the exchange between you and ITV) (8) agree this is a complaint

Thanks and sorry for the delay in reply.

Vicky

On Tue, Jul 12, 2016 at 4:58 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Vicky,

I wanted to advise you will be releasing the FOI request with the below documents shortly. Also, if you have any objections to us confirming that that Vote Leave made a complaint to the Commission about Ryanair I would be grateful if you could let us know by 11am tomorrow 13 July.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 08 July 2016 14:18
To: 'Victoria Woodcock'
Cc: Dominic Cummings; Matthew Elliott; Alan Halsall
Subject: RE: FOI 71/16 - Vote Leave

Vicky,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. After consulting with our legal team we have now agreed on the scope of the FOI request. Below is a summary of the revised documents that will be sent. I have also attached the redacted versions of the files to this email.

1. councils over late supply of absent voter lists (1.1-1.6)
2. misleading postal vote guidance (2)
3. EU citizens receiving postal ballots (3-5.2)
4. French industrialists for Remain ad (6)
5. treating by Operation Croissant (7)
6. letters to the Commission regarding the ITV debate (minus the exchange between you and ITV) (8)

As per the FOI we have included copies of complaints by you about the conduct of the Electoral Commission and any other organisations. This includes not just formal complaints but also allegations against or criticism of another body where you asked us to investigate or intervene in some way.

If you believe that any of these documents should be exempt from the FOI can you please let us know by close of business on Monday 11 July.

I am happy to discuss this with you if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



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From: Victoria Woodcock [Redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2016 14:41
To: [Redacted]; Dominic Cummings; Matthew Elliott; Alan Halsall
Subject: Re: FOI 71/16 - Vote Leave

[Redacted],

I am not sure that some of these constituent a complaint. A lot of these are Vote Leave simply copying the Electoral Commission into letters, or passing on information for the Electoral Commission to look into. I would very much like to see the responses before you publish them and would welcome a conversation about why some of these are being considered a complaint.

Matthew/Dom/Alan please see the chain below.

Many thanks,

Vicky

On Thu, Jul 7, 2016 at 1:10 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Vicky,

Thank you for your email.

We are still in the process of redacting the documents. I can confirm that we have communications covering the following topics:

1. 27 Councils over late supply of absent voter lists
2. the grant process
3. event run at the British Museum
4. Ryanair
5. Postal votes in Aylesbury District Council
6. Misleading postal vote guidance
7. EU citizens receiving postal ballots
8. Treating by operation croissant

- 9. French industrialists for Remain ad
- 10. Letters to BuzzFeed, Google, Bite the Ballot, Twitter, Facebook, TheLadBible, Tinder and Uber
- 11. Exchange with ITV and letters to the Commission regarding the ITV debate

We are happy to send the redacted versions to you later tonight. We will be removing personal details from the documents.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: Victoria Woodcock [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2016 09:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FOI 71/16 - Vote Leave

Will we see anything you are releasing before it is released?

Thanks,

Vicky

On Mon, Jul 4, 2016 at 4:19 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Vicky

I am writing to you in connection with a request for information received by The Electoral Commission which is being considered under Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. Part of the information requested was relates to you.

Please provide copies of complaints made by Vote Leave Limited to the Electoral Commission about the conduct of the Electoral Commission or any other organisations, sent since 1 March 2016.

The FOI Act requires the Commission to disclose information in response to a request unless an exemption applies. There are two types of exemption in the FOI Act.

The first type is an ‘absolute’ exemption, whereby disclosure may be withheld if the information falls within the terms of the exemption in question. However, where the exemption in question is only covered by a ‘qualified’ exemption, we can only withhold the information if the balance of the public interest, in all the circumstances of the case, favours non-disclosure of the information.

In light of the fact that you provided this information to us, we are informing you of this request. If you wish to notify us of any particular issues or considerations that you consider relevant to the question of disclosure of this information, please let me have written details of how, in your view, disclosure of the information would be harmful by **12.00pm 7 July 2016**. This is to enable us to consider all relevant factors in taking a decision on whether the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires this information to be disclosed.

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Cc:

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2016 16:54:55 +0100
Subject: FW: Ryanair

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 July 2016 14:39
To: 'Victoria Woodcock'
Subject: Ryanair
Importance: High

Dear Victoria,

In relation to a Freedom of Information Act request we have received; are you happy if we were to confirm as part of our answer that Vote Leave made a complaint to the Commission about Ryanair prior to the Referendum of 23 June 2016?

I would be grateful if you could let me know your thoughts when convenient.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Senior Investigator

Casework and Investigations Team

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