

Our Ref: FOI 13109 Business Services

Your Ref: - Legal and Governance

Woodhill House

Mr. Donovan Kiddick Westburn Road

18th February 2020

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Dear Mr. Kiddick,

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

UKGE 2019 (12/12/19) - Voting Information Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - ("The Act")

I refer to your recent request seeking the following information in respect of the UK General Election which was held on the 12th of December 2019:

1. The number of people registered for a postal vote within each of our constituencies.

We would confirm the following:

Constituency	Number of postal votes issued
Banff and Buchan ('B&B')	14,800
Gordon ('G')	17,686
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine ('WAK')	16,219

2. The number of postal votes received within each of our constituencies.

We would confirm the following:

Constituency	Number of postal votes returned
Banff and Buchan ('B&B')	12,061
Gordon ('G')	14,789
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine ('WAK')	13,892

3. The number votes marked as invalid within each of our constituencies.

We would confirm the following:

Constituency	Number of postal votes rejected
Banff and Buchan ('B&B')	264
Gordon ('G')	195
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine ('WAK')	149

4. The result of the postal vote by party (or if easier by the top three parties).

We unfortunately do not hold information on "the result of the postal vote by party" as the count result is only declared in respect of the entire vote in each constituency and therefore includes both votes which were made by post and via the ballot box.

I trust that this is in order, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me as the officer responsible for responding to your request.

If you are at all dissatisfied with the way in which we have dealt with your request, please refer to the further information attached.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator Business Services - Legal & Governance

Further Information:

Aberdeenshire Council's Review Procedure under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:-

If you wish Aberdeenshire Council to review its actions and/or decisions with respect to your Request for Information, you should contact:-

FOI Review Officer, Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen AB16 5GB

(e-mail foi@aberdeenshire.gov.uk);

no later than 40 days after you receive the Notice intimating the decision that you want to have reviewed.

Your request for review must be in writing or in another form which has some permanency and is capable of being used for subsequent reference (e.g. audio/video tape recording). You must state your name and address for correspondence. You must also give details of the information which you originally requested and the reasons why you are dissatisfied with the way in which your application for information has been dealt with.

The FOI Review Officer will arrange for your application for review to be considered by the Review Panel. The Review Panel will write to you informing you of its decision by not later than twenty working days after receipt of your request for a review. The Review Panel will also provide you with a statement of its reasons for arriving at the decision it has made.

Your Right to Complain to the Scottish Information Commissioner:

If you are dissatisfied with the Review Panel's decision, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

An appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months, specifying:-

- the Request for Information to which the requirement for review by relates;
- the reasons for your dissatisfaction with the review decision;

An appeal can now be made online at the following address:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS Telephone: 01334 464610; Fax: 01334 464611:

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Web: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal