

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log 2024

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
ELC-FOI-2023-007	"the latest party constitution of People Before Profit - Solidarity held by the Electoral Commission."	Member of the Public	Granted in full
ELC-FOI-2023-008	"the Constitution of the Irish People Party, which was registered in December 2023"	Member of the Public	Granted in full
ELC-FOI-2023-009	"correspondence between individuals and officers of the Irish People Party regarding its registration as a political party in 2023."	Member of the Public	Part-granted in accordance with Section 37(1)
ELC-FOI-2024-01	"the most recent version of the Constitution of Aontú as held by the Electoral Commission."	Member of the Public	Granted in full
ELC-FOI-2024-02	"access to all records held by the Commission (including relevant opinions, advice, recommendations, consultations, etc., considered by the Commission, its members or staff) relating to the deliberations and decisions of the Commission in the course and for the purpose of its 2023 review of Dáil and European Parliament constituencies, insofar as they relate to the recommendations of the Commission about or affecting the Dáil constituency of Cork East"	Political Party	Refused in accordance with Section 29(1), Section 30(1)(a) (c)
ELC-FOI-2024-03	"the most recent version of the Constitution of the Farmers Alliance Party".	Member of the public	Granted in full
ELC-FOI-2024-04	"all correspondence and documents sent by representatives of the Irish Freedom Party (IFP) to the Electoral Commission in 2023."	Member of the Public	Granted in full

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
ELC-FOI-2024-05	"internal correspondence within An Coimisiun Toghcháin about the branding, pronunciation, spelling, public engagement and related issues, specifically related to the use of the name in Irish and it being in Irish, between 1 st March 2023 and 29 th January 2024."	Journalist	Granted in full
ELC-FOI-2024-06	"the most recent version of the Constitution of Sinn Féin as held by the Electoral Commission".	Member of the Public	Granted in full
ELC-FOI-2024-08	"correspondence between the Centre Party of Ireland and the Electoral Commission between 2022 to date in 2024."	Member of the Public	Granted in full
ELC-FOI-2024-09	correspondence between <i>The National Party</i> and the Electoral Commission between July 2023 to date in 2024.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 29(1) and Section 37
ELC-FOI-2024-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Any correspondence between the commission and the National Party about its application to obtain approved body status for the referendums on March 8th; • Minutes of all meetings between the members of the Commission about an application by the National Party to obtain approved body status for the referendums on March 8th; • Any complaints made to the Commission about the failure of the National Party to obtain approved body status for the referendums on March 8th; • Any informal notes taken about the decision not to grant the National Party approved body status for the referendums on March 8th." 	Journalist	Refused in accordance with Section 29(1)
ELC-FOI-2024-11	"copies of all complaints emailed to the commission by members of the public since 25 January regarding the Care referendum and Family referendum."	Journalist	Withdrawn

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
ELC-FOI-2024-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Any correspondence to or from the Commission relating to the carrying out of polling during or after the recent referendum period. The results of any polling which was carried out during or after the recent referendum period.” 	Journalist	Part-Granted in accordance with Section 15 (1), Section 29 (1), Section 36 (1), Section 37 (1) and Section 39 (1)
ELC-FOI-2024-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Any correspondence to or from members or staff of the Commission regarding the content, or veracity, of comments made by national political figures, Ministers, TDs, Senators, etc, on the recent referendums during the campaign period; Any material or correspondence which contains the phrase "a concrete and mandatory obligation," either in full or in part.” 	Journalist	Part-Granted in accordance with Section 31(1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-14	“the datasets of exit polls or post-referendum public surveys commissioned or conducted by the Electoral Commission in relation to the referendum conducted on 8 March 2024. I wish to receive this information electronically, preferably in CSV, Excel, or SPSS format.”	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 39 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-15	Correspondence and attachments sent between <i>The National Party</i> and the Electoral Commission from January 2024 to date in 2024.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Sections 29(1), Section 30 and Section 31(1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-16	“Information regarding the 100% Redress Party. Copies of all Documents received by the Electoral Commission from this Political Party and to include there Articles and Memorandum of Association which I believe under the Constitution They are legally required to do when setting up as a Political Party.”	Member of the Public	Granted in full

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
ELC-FOI-2024-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “A copy of the statement issued by the Electoral Commission on or about 5 March 2024 relating to posters erected by Senator Sharon Keoghan, together with a list of all persons or media outlets to whom this statement was circulated; and • Copies of all emails, correspondence, memos, briefing notes, text messages or any other documents or records in any form which were generated by members of the Electoral Commission or staff of the Commission relating to this statement and its contents, including any initial drafts of the statement.” 	Member of the Public	Part Granted in accordance with Section (31)(a) and Section 37(1)
ELC-FOI-2024-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “A copy of the report from RedC detailing the results of polling conducted by them on behalf of the Electoral Commission and referred to on the front page of the Irish Times, 6th of May 2024; • Copies of all emails, correspondence, memos, briefing notes, text messages or any other documents or records in any format which were generated by or are held by members of the Electoral Commission or staff of the Commission in relation to the commissioning of this research, the results of the research, and the cost involved; and • Copies of all other reports from RedC or any other polling companies detailing the results of research carried out by those companies on behalf of the Electoral Commission since its establishment and any records detailing the cost of each piece of research.” 	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(h)
ELC-FOI-2024-19	“Any memorandums, briefing notes, or emails within the Electoral Commission which use the terms: far right, extreme right, fascist, racist.”	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1) (c)
ELC-FOI-2024-20	“The Constitution of Independent Ireland, as held by the electoral commission, and as registered as a political party c. 2023.”	Member of the Public	Granted in full

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
ELC-FOI-2024-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Any documentation, including meeting minutes, correspondence, or internal communications, that discusses or explains the rationale for using "non-party" instead of "independent" on the ballot paper. • Any reports, studies, or analyses that were considered in making this decision, particularly those related to the impact of terminology on voter perception. • The names and roles of the individuals or committees involved in the decision-making process. • Any official guidelines or policies that govern the terminology used on ballot papers for independent candidates. 	Member of the Public	Withdrawn
ELC-FOI-2024-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Any correspondence received by the EC from media outlets in relation to the moratorium being ended from January to present. • Any research/memos/reports compiled on the moratorium being ended that were sent to the members of the Commission from January to present • Any minutes created by the members of the Commission in which they discuss the moratorium. • Correspondence between Mr O’Leary and the housing minister on the moratorium from January to present.” 	Journalist	Part Granted in accordance with Section 15 (a) and Section 15 (d)
ELC-FOI-2024-23	<p>“A copy of all records held referring or relating to the inclusion of questions about public attitudes or belief in conspiracy theories in recent research by the Electoral Commission. For avoidance of doubt, it is the questions referred to in the following newspaper article, the context in which they were chosen, and the decision making process over how they were phrased: https://www.thejournal.ie/conspiracy-theories-polling-survey-6451524-Jul2024/ “</p>	Journalist	Part Granted in accordance with Section 37(1)

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
ELC-FOI-2024-24	"Correspondence, documents, memos, submissions, and other possible documents between the Electoral Commission and The National Party or otherwise concerning the National Party between July 2023 to date in 2024	Member of the Public	Withdrawn
ELC-FOI-2024-25	Correspondence received by the Electoral Commission from The National Party between July 2023 to date in 2024	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 29(1), Section 30 and Section 37
ELC-FOI-2024-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "All records of complaints received by the Electoral Commission in relation to the 2024 local election in Dublin south west inner city. • Any investigations, outcomes, or actions taken in response to these complaints. • Records detailing the nature of the complaints, including but not limited to complaints about electoral conduct, campaigning, or any other election-related matters. 	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-27	"The Constitution of the "Ireland First" Party"	Member of the Public	Granted in full.
ELC-FOI-2024-28	"Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am looking for the total number of Ukrainian and other asylum seekers in Ireland who were provided with a vote in the recent general election."	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-29	<p>"Constituency: County Galway"</p> <p>As an Irish citizen and constituent in the above electoral area, I hereby request under the above legislation, and within the time period specified under that Act, the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to register to vote in General Elections made in the above Constituency for the past 5 years, providing an annual breakdown and stating how many applications were made by Irish citizens and how many by foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU. 2. Please state the precise number of registered voters living and eligible to vote in the above Constituency for each of the last 5 years. 	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
	<p>3. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to vote in General Elections made in the above Constituency within the last 5 years which were refused, providing a breakdown of the reasons for such refusal and stating how many were Irish citizens and how many by foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU.</p> <p>4. Please state the precise minimum residency requirements necessary to ground eligibility to vote in General Elections in Ireland.</p> <p>5. Please confirm whether or not hostels, or any other temporary accommodation used to house homeless Irish citizens and/or any Irish citizens currently in temporary or emergency accommodation, satisfy the residency requirements to affirm an Irish's citizen's eligibility to vote.</p> <p>6. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to register to vote made in the above Constituency within the past 5 years, which were refused on grounds of failure to meet the residency requirement, stating also how many of these were Irish citizens and how many foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU.</p> <p>7. Please provide details of the precise number of registered voters in the above Constituency who were refused permission to vote in General Election 2024 on the basis of a change in residency or any other grounds related to residency within the past 5 years.</p> <p>8. Please confirm whether or not any individual who is not an Irish Citizen was permitted to vote in the above Constituency in General Election 2024.</p>		
ELC-FOI-2024-30	"Constituency: Limerick City" FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-31	"Constituency: Kildare South" FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-32	"Constituency: Co.Clare" FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
ELC-FOI-2024-33	"Constituency: Cork East, County Cork" FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-34	<p data-bbox="495 384 1382 507">"As an Irish citizen registered to vote in the above electoral division [Dublin South West], I hereby request in accordance with the provisions of the above legislation, and within the time period specified under that Act, the following information in relation to the Irish Electoral Register:</p> <ol data-bbox="495 539 1382 1390" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="495 539 1382 783">1. Please provide details of all investigations, forensic examinations and/or any other procedures carried out by the Electoral Commission or any other State agency or body within the past fifteen years, to ensure that the current Electoral Register is kept up to date and correct, to include the type of procedure carried out, the dates on which each procedure was carried out and the duration of same. Please also indicate the number of people, their positions and/or occupations and identity of all those engaged in any such procedures. <li data-bbox="495 783 1382 906">2. Please provide full details of the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that the Electoral Register in Ireland is regularly updated to record the deaths of people registered to vote in Ireland, indicating the date on which such procedures were introduced. <li data-bbox="495 906 1382 1029">3. Please provide full details of the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that names of Irish citizens are not duplicated on the Electoral Register both in Irish and in English, indicating the date on which such procedures were introduced. <li data-bbox="495 1029 1382 1182">4. Please provide full details of the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that names of Irish citizens are not duplicated on the Electoral Register because of a change of address or for any other reason whatsoever, and to prevent the issuing of duplicate or triplicate ballots, indicating the date on which such procedures were introduced. <li data-bbox="495 1182 1382 1390">5. Please provide full details of the results of each forensic examination and/or other procedure carried out in relation to the Electoral Register in Ireland within the past fifteen years, as referred to above, to include the precise number of duplicate or triplicate entries discovered, how such entries came to be duplicated and what action was or is being taken to rectify the Register to ensure that it is correct, providing a County by County breakdown. 	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
	<p>6. Please provide full details of the results of each forensic examination or other procedure carried out by the Electoral Commission in relation to the Electoral Register within the past fifteen years, as referred to above, to include the number of deceased voters found to be still remaining on the Register, providing a County by County breakdown.</p> <p>7. Please provide full details of the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that people who are registered to vote in Ireland are still resident at their recorded address to which polling cards are issuing and/or if they are still resident within the Republic Of Ireland.</p> <p>8. Please specify the procedure that is in place in each polling station in Ireland to ensure that valid ID is produced by all voters and their identity verified before a ballot paper is handed over.”</p>		
ELC-FOI-2024-35	““Constituency: County Donegal” FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-36	““Constituency: Tipperary South” FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-37	““Constituency: Cork East” FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-38	“Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request a copy of all complaints made to An Coimisiún Toghcháin between November 6 th 2024 and Dec 8 th 2024.”	Journalist	Withdrawn

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
ELC-FOI-2024-39	<p data-bbox="495 292 842 320">“Constituency: Limerick City”</p> <p data-bbox="589 352 1384 443">As an Irish citizen and constituent in the above electoral area, I hereby request under the above legislation, and within the time period specified under that Act, the following information:</p> <ol data-bbox="495 475 1384 1394" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="495 475 1384 655">1. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to register to vote in General Elections made in the above Constituency for the past 5 years, providing an annual breakdown and stating how many applications were made by Irish citizens and how many by foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU. <li data-bbox="495 655 1384 719">2. Please state the precise number of registered voters living and eligible to vote in the above Constituency for each of the last 5 years. <li data-bbox="495 719 1384 900">3. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to vote in General Elections made in the above Constituency within the last 5 years which were refused, providing a breakdown of the reasons for such refusal and stating how many were Irish citizens and how many by foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU. <li data-bbox="495 900 1384 963">4. Please state the precise minimum residency requirements necessary to ground eligibility to vote in General Elections in Ireland. <li data-bbox="495 963 1384 1091">5. Please confirm whether or not hostels, or any other temporary accommodation used to house homeless Irish citizens and/or any Irish citizens currently in temporary or emergency accommodation, satisfy the residency requirements to affirm an Irish's citizen's eligibility to vote. <li data-bbox="495 1091 1384 1272">6. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to register to vote made in the above Constituency within the past 5 years, which were refused on grounds of failure to meet the residency requirement, stating also how many of these were Irish citizens and how many foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU. <li data-bbox="495 1272 1384 1394">7. Please provide details of the precise number of registered voters in the above Constituency who were refused permission to vote in General Election 2024 on the basis of a change in residency or any other grounds related to residency within the past 5 years. 	Member of the public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)

Internal Reference Number	Description of Request	Category of Requester	Summary of Decision
	8. Please confirm whether or not any individual who is not an Irish Citizen was permitted to vote in the above Constituency in General Election 2024."		
ELC-FOI-2024-40	"Constituency: Limerick City" FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)
ELC-FOI-2024-41	"Constituency: Co. Mayo" FOI Request – same text as above.	Member of the Public	Refused in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a)