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By email

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear <REDACTED>

I am writing further to your requests of 18 May 2018 for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

- 1) Since 2000, how many party political peerage nominations have been blocked by the Commission?
- 2) Of all those blocked by the Commission, how many were
 - (a) Conservative
 - (b) Labour
 - (c) Liberal Democrat
 - (d) Democratic Unionist Party
 - (e) Crossbench
 - (f) another party?
- 3) Please provide a breakdown of the rejections per party in each Parliament, i.e. 1997-2001, 2001-2005, 2005-2010, 2010-2015, 2015-2017, and 2017-present.
- 4) Were any individuals blocked on more than one occasion? If so, how many?
- 5) How many individuals, previously blocked by the Commission, have been successfully re-nominated and have ended up sitting in the House of Lords?

As in our previous reply, I have interpreted your first request as one for information about instances when the Commission has written to the Prime Minister stating that it is unable to support a nomination and when the Commission has informed the relevant party leader that it would be unable to support a nomination and given the

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party leader the opportunity to submit a substitute nomination (the latter approach has been adopted since 2013).

Since 2000, this has happened in the case of 20 nominations. Of these, the Conservative Party nominated eleven, the Labour Party nominated six, the Liberal Democrat Party nominated one, and the Democratic Unionist Party nominated two. None were nominated to the Crossbenches or by any other political party. In relation to your third question, the figures breakdown as follows: Between zero and five in the 2005-10 Parliament, between zero and five in the 2010-15 Parliament, eight in the 2015-17 Parliament, and between zero and five in the current Parliament. We consider that Section 40 of the FOI Act applies in those cases where we have not given specific figures.

There are two individuals whose nominations the Commission has been unable to support on more than one occasion. There are four individuals whose earlier nominations the Commission had been unable to support who were subsequently re-nominated and appointed to the House of Lords.

If you are unhappy with this response, you may write to the Secretary to the Commission, Helen Ewen, at the address below to ask for an internal review. Please note that we will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

Helen Ewen, Secretary to the House of Lords Appointments Commission, Room G/40, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

If you are not then content with her reply, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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Commission secretariat

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