HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

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Ref: HOLAC FOI 2024/5

25 March 2024

By email:		
Dear		

Ref: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request, which the House of Lords Appointments Commission (HOLAC) received on 13 March 2024.

You asked:

Please include the following information for the following years, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23:

- A list of all the staff networks at the organisation
- Whether each network receives internal funding and, if so, how much (please express annually for the last four financial years)
- How much FTE equivalent staff time each network is entitled to. For example, a staff network may have a chair who's entitled to spend 10% of their working hours devoted to the network (please express annually for the last three financial years)
- A list of events that each network has held in this financial year so far (April to the present day), including the title of the event, information on any guest speakers and the time of the event

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that HOLAC does <u>not</u> hold the information you requested.

HOLAC is an Arms Length Body which is staffed by the Cabinet Office. It does not directly employ staff, and therefore does not support any staff networks. In general, any requests relating to HOLAC staff would be more appropriately directed to the Cabinet Office Freedom of Information team at <u>foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk</u>.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may write to the Secretary to the Commission to ask for an internal review by another person not involved with this request. 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.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by HOLAC.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Secretariat to the House of Lords Appointments Commission