

HOUSE OF LORDS
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Ref: HOLAC FOI 2024/12

30 August 2024

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request, which the House of Lords Appointments Commission (The Commission) received on 23 July 2024.

You asked:

I would like to request some statistics on people nominating themselves for Non-Party Political Membership of the House of Lords.

For each year that you hold this information, please provide:

- * The number of applications*
- * The number of applications rejected*
- * The number of applications that were successful, and resulted in appointment to the House of Lords*

The information you have requested is held by the House of Lords Appointments Commission from 2010 up until the date on which this request was received. Prior to 2010, the Commission received 4467 applications, however we do not hold information on which year these applications were received. The number of appointments made, by year, can be found on the [appointments](#) page on the Commission's website.

Below I have provided a breakdown, by year, of the total number of Non-Party Political applications and the number of these applications that resulted in appointment to the House of Lords since 2010. It can be assumed that all other applications were rejected, though for 2023/2024 there remains a number of applicants who have not received an outcome as the Commission carries out its standard application processing.

Year	Applications	Appointments
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2010	118	6
2011	93	2
2012	88	2
2013	87	2
2014	97	0
2015	96	4
2016	97	0
2017	87	0
2018	87	3
2019	110	0
2020	101	0
2021	80	2
2022	172	2
2023	193	0
2024	195	2

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 the Commission.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

Secretariat to the House of Lords Appointments Commission