

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 31 May 2023 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000:

- all correspondence and communications between the Chair of the committee and the Secretary of State for levelling up between January 2022 and the date this request was received; and
- all correspondence and communications between the Chair of the committee and the department for levelling up between January 2022 and the date this request was received.

We can confirm that we do have information in scope of your request. The information is published on our website and therefore falls under Section 21 of the FOIA, information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

For ease of reference, the correspondence is as follows:

On 21 April 2022, Lord Evans wrote to Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities about the provisions in the Elections Bill that would give the Government the power to set the strategic direction for the work of the Electoral Commission. This letter was published on our website and can be accessed [here](#).

On 4 October 2022, Lord Evans wrote to Rt Hon Simon Clarke MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, in light of the government's recent response to the Committee's 2019 report on Local Government Ethical Standards. Lee Rowley MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Government and Building Safety replied on 17 February 2023. This correspondence was published on our website and can be accessed [here](#).

On 9 May 2023, Lord Evans wrote to Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, to request an update on the government's consideration of the recommendations in Regulating Election Finance, the 2021 report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life. The letter was published on our website and can be accessed [here](#).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Internal Review Officer
Committee on Standards in Public Life
1 Horse Guards Road
London SW1A 2HQ

public@public-standards.gov.uk

Please remember to quote reference number **CSPL FOI 2301** in any further correspondence relating to this request for information. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, 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
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Yours sincerely



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