

ICO Disclosure Log

Response to Request

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Request

Received via Twitter on 6 March 2015;

"@ICOnews #FOI request – do George Galloway, the Respect Party, Nigel Farage and Natalie Bennett have entries in yr DPA s19 register? Thanks"

Response

In response to your request I can advise as follows;

George Galloway MP – does not have a current registration.
The Respect Party – does not have a current registration.
Nigel Farage MEP – does not have a current registration.
Natalie Bennett (leader of the Green Party) – does not have a current registration.

Natalie Bennett is not an elected representative and as leader of a party would not necessarily be required to register.

George Galloway, The Respect Party and Nigel Farage have previously been registered but the registrations have lapsed.

By way of additional information you may be interested to know that when a data controller is registered they can expect to receive four reminders to renew their register entry. Two of these are sent in the six week period prior to their expiry date. A further two are then sent, assuming no renewal is received, after the date of expiry.

With specific reference to elected representatives, the ICO recently introduced a programme of conducting a proactive 'non registration' exercise prior to most major elections. As there is a UK parliamentary election due in May, we began our exercise in early February and have been contacting all MPs without an up to date register entry.

Following the election we will also be contacting all newly elected members to make them aware of their obligations under the DPA. This will include their obligation to notify the Commissioner of their processing of personal data and appear on the public register of data controllers.

As with all other sectors, we take the approach of reminding data controllers of their obligations. If we believe a data controller should be registered, but they refuse to do so, we will always consider our full range of regulatory options to bring about the necessary compliance with the law.

This concludes our response to your request. I hope that the information provided is of use to you.

Yours sincerely

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