

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 12 November 2019 16:39

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Please forward - LD should comment on this..

Hi James,

Please find our response below,

"As a registered participant in the referendum *Britain Stronger In* we were legally entitled to a copy of the electoral register under electoral law. Anyone using the register has to translate and compile the data provided by the 380 councils in order to use it in a database. There are a number of different formats that the 380 councils use. The Liberal Democrats agreed to provide a service to *Britain Stronger In* delivering a correctly formatted copy of the register for the database they were using. To be clear this only comprised the data originally supplied to us by the 380 councils, no other data held separately by the Liberal Democrats was added. This was a formatting job and the fee was for data management services. The contract was checked by lawyers before being signed. We had already previously received confirmation from the Electoral Commission that it was allowable for an organisation that has the right to the electoral register under electoral law to share that information with another organisation that is also entitled to the register for those purposes."

Best wishes

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