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Subject: URGENT Request for formal reply from Liberal Democrats - re Sale of Voter Data and deal with Open Britain.

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openDemocracy is publishing a story today about the **commercial deal between the Liberal Democrats and the Remain campaign group, Britain Stronger in Europe.**

The deal took place ahead of the **2016 referendum and was worth close to £100,000.** openDemocracy has seen documents held by the Information Commissioner's Office which reveal payments spread throughout 2016 and total £99,920.

Following the 2018 report by the ICO, which mentions the sale and the deal worth £100K - the Liberal Democrats and Open Britain made statements to the effect that no members data had been sold.

Given the **ICO hold documents which list the sale as "data services fees" and "data sale" - and the payments for this,** can the the party comment on this commercial deal.

The ICO say they will be make no comment as they have responsibilities as a public body during the election.

But - should voters know - ahead of the election - about this sale/deal ?

This story is scheduled to be published this afternoon. We would expect a comment from the party as soon as possible. If no comment is received we will assume you do not want to comment - but will state we have asked the party.

Thank you.