

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your correspondence of 19 October 2006 in which you requested details of the persons registered to vote at \_\_\_\_\_ in 2002 and 2003.

I am unable to disclose this information as it is exempt from release under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption states that the release of personal information is exempt if the disclosure of such information would contravene any of the data protection principles. It is my opinion that the release of this information would contravene principle two which states the following:

“Personal data shall be obtained only for one or more specified and lawful purposes, and shall not be further processed in any manner incompatible with that purpose or those purposes”. (Processing in this context includes disclosure).

However, the Electoral Registers for 2002 and 2003 are available for inspection at Electoral Office Headquarters, St Anne’s House, 15 Church Street, Belfast BT1 1ER. Please contact the Information Unit on 028 9044 6688 to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Information Officer