

## **Freedom of Information request – 21 April 2009**

Dear

The answers to the questions posed in your email of 21 April are as follows –

### **1) How many people have been charged for not providing their details to the Electoral Commission since the law changed on registration in 2005?**

The Electoral Office does not hold this information. Responsibility for charging individuals with breaches of electoral law lies with the PSNI and the PPS.

### **2) How many successful prosecutions have there been on a year by year basis?**

The only successful prosecution was in 2009.

### **3) In relation to the case of Ian Withers (fined 1p for not providing a national insurance number), how much did it cost to pursue this case?**

This information is available on our website [www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk) Section 21 of the Act applies.

### **4) Minutes and documents from the meeting in which it was decided to prosecute Mr. Withers.**

The decision to prosecute Mr Withers was not taken by the Electoral Office and no minutes or documents are therefore held.

Yours faithfully,

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