

# Proof of authority

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The Sovereign Nation of Shetland made this Freedom of Information request to Electoral Commission  
Electoral Commission did not have the information requested.

The Sovereign Nation of Shetland 27 January 2025Delivered

Dear Electoral Commission,

You have stated that you do not have information showing proof that Shetland is part of Scotland. Do you have information showing how you have the authority to operate in Shetland in the absence of proof that Shetland is part of Scotland?

Yours faithfully,

The Sovereign Nation of Shetland

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Report

FOI, Electoral Commission 29 January 2025

Dear The Sovereign Nation of Shetland,

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission.

It is important to outline that Freedom of Information requests are requests for information held by public bodies. We are not expected to generate information in order to satisfy Freedom of Information requests.

**We do not hold proof of sovereignty** as this does not fall within our scope of work. For more information on what we do, including our role as a regulator, please visit our website at the following link:

[1][www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us).

FOIs are regulated by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). Here they give a guide on how to frame requests,

[2]<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/offici...>

You have said:

You have stated that you do not have information showing proof that Shetland is part of Scotland. Do you have information showing how you have the authority to operate in Shetland in the absence of proof that Shetland is part of Scotland?

Our response is as follows:

You have stated that you do not have information showing proof that Shetland is part of Scotland.

**We do not hold the requested information.**

Do you have information showing how you have the authority to operate in Shetland in the absence of proof that Shetland is part of Scotland?

**We do not hold the requested information.**

The information you have requested does not fall within our remit, therefore we do not hold it.

Yours sincerely,

Information Team

[3][Electoral Commission request email]

The Electoral Commission

[4][www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

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The Sovereign Nation of Shetland 2 February 2025Delivered

Dear FOI,

I think your reply is saying that you do not hold any information that shows how you have the authority to operate in Shetland. Is that correct? Yes or no will suffice.

Yours sincerely,

The Sovereign Nation of Shetland

FOI, Electoral Commission 5 February 2025

Dear The Sovereign Nation of Shetland,

Thank you for your emails to the Electoral Commission.

**We do not hold the information you have requested.**

It is important to outline that Freedom of Information (FOI) requests are requests for information held by public bodies. We are not expected to generate information in order to satisfy Freedom of Information requests.

**We do not hold the information you have requested** in a recorded format.

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Any further questions from you asking for this same information will be considered under Section 14 of the FOI act. Under section 14(2) of the Act, we do not do not have to comply with a request which is identical, or substantially similar to a previous request submitted by the same individual.

If you are dissatisfied with our reponse you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: [3]<https://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Information Team