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Subject: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: conflicts of interest

Dear Colleagues

You will be aware of the highly sensitive nature of the criminal investigation Operation Scott - particularly since it touches on the general election. You will also be aware of the unprecedented level of media interest we are receiving in relation to the case. [REDACTED]

Due to the highly confidential nature of the criminal investigation, the Commission considers it is strictly necessary to seek a specific declaration of interest if you have any active political affiliations. By this I mean things like donations to a party/candidate standing for election, volunteering for a party within the last 12 months, holding a position within a political party or being a candidate. To be clear, I am not asking for information about your voting intentions or voting history - just active political engagement.

I am taking this step as protection for you and as a necessary step to preserve the integrity of the investigation in this period of intense scrutiny.

This information represents special category data under GDPR and will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. In particular, I will hold the information – and no-one else has routine access to my inbox. I will be deleting the records of it once this case has concluded.

I would be grateful for a response from each of you whether it's a nil return or otherwise by **4pm on Monday 24 June**. Should circumstance change during the existence of Operation Scott please ensure that you update me with any relevant declaration.

Kind Regards