

28 November 2022

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2022/38

On Monday, 7 November 2022 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Request 2

The Commission is asked to state whether or not it has ever received from a member of the public or any other party, other than its own staff, an objection to the occupation of slavery being listed on the Electoral roll.

Request 3

a) The Commission is asked to identify how many people, in the last ten years, attempted to list their occupation as slave on enrolment documentation. (Other than [REDACTED])

b) The Commission is asked to identify how many people are currently listed on the Electoral Rolls with the occupation of slave as on the date of this request.

Request 4

It is asked of the Commission that it identifies the names of all occupation titles that are not acceptable to the Commission as occupations when it comes to enrolment details.

The following information is provided in response to these requests:

- The Commission has not received a complaint specifically about the occupation of 'slave' on the electoral roll.
- The Commission is not aware of any other elector applying to register the occupation 'slave'; however, we do not hold records of unacceptable occupations that have not been recorded against a person's record for the last ten years.
- The occupation 'slave' is not recorded against any person's record as of 7 November 2022.

- The Commission does not maintain a list of unacceptable occupations. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. However, in general terms occupations are deemed unacceptable if they are misleading or offensive, for example, cartoon characters, offensive language, racial slurs or illegal activity.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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