



27 January 2023

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2022/41

On 09/12/22 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*Your website states “Anyone can look at or buy electoral rolls” and that certain “people and organisations can get lists of people who are enrolled to vote” including ... “state sector organisations.”. I am seeking the following information in relation to ‘state sector organisations’*

- *The names of which state sector organisations can get these lists - specifically whether IRD is one of these organisations*
- *What information these lists of people include*
- *Copies of any material (including but not limited to procedures, checklists, policies, memos etc) about how state sector organisations can get or access these lists of people and what purposes they are used for*
- *If IRD is one of these state sector organisations - what lists of people has IRD had access to (if this is information you hold), including the date requested.*
- *If it is possible I am interested in the period between 2006 and 2011 and any such archived lists that IRD had access to at that time (if it still exists)*

Most of the information you have requested is already available in the public domain.

Requests under [section 112](#) of the Electoral Act can only be made by a department, organisation, or local authority to which the Official Information Act 1982 or the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 apply.

The lists of departments, organisations or local authorities that can receive data under section 112 are set out in the [schedule 1](#) of the Official Information Act (which cross references to [schedule 1](#) of the Ombudsmen Act 1975), and [schedule 1](#) the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

IRD is listed in [schedule 1](#) of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

There is a new provision, which came into force in September 2022 that allows the Electoral Commission to give specified information to StatsNZ under [section 112A](#).

The information that can be requested under section 112 is set out in [section 112\(3\)](#) of the Act, is listed on elections.nz, [here](#) and on the application form found on elections.nz, [here](#). The provisions of section 112 define clear criteria which ensure that requests can only be made by the relevant chief executive for the purposes of research conducted on a topic that relates to a scientific matter or human health.

Since 2016 the Electoral Commission pro-actively lists all data requests approved under 112 on elections.nz, [here](#).

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Our records of requests under section 112 for this period show that IRD did not apply for electoral data between 2006 and 2011.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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