

6 December 2023

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/102

On Wednesday, 8 November 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Under the Official Information Act, I would like all documents and communications relating to the errors in the voting results from the Pukekohe Intermediate, NZ Bloodstock Centre and Wolfbrook Arena polling booths, from the initial discovery of the error until today (November 8th 2023).

Please send me the results in digital form.

Copies of all documents and communications that relate to the errors in the voting results from Pukekohe Intermediate, NZ Bloodstock Centre and Wolfbrook Arena are attached.

Some contact details, such as phone numbers, email addresses and some names have been withheld under s 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons.

In each case where redactions have been made under section 9(2)(a), consideration has been given and I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding of the information are not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make that information available.

After the official results of the general election were published on 3 November 2023, the Electoral Commission became aware of these errors relating to the counting of votes. Amended official results were published on 9 November 2023 and the Electoral Commission committed to supporting an independent review of the quality assurance processes we have in place.

The Auditor-General is undertaking an independent review of quality assurance procedures for the vote count in the general election. Information about the Auditor General's review is available [here](#).

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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