

- How votes will be issued, including how the secrecy of the poll is maintained,
- How the prison will ensure the security of issuing staff.

The number of staff required in the voting team is determined by the estimated number of eligible prisoners within a facility. The number of prison staff needed to facilitate the visit by the voting team is a matter determined by Corrections and is factored into the arrangements for the days and times that the team can visit.

Regarding your question about a person casting a vote for someone other than themselves, this is not allowed. Voting as someone else (personation) or voting more than once (dual voting) is an offence.

Instances of voter fraud are very rare in New Zealand, but the Electoral Commission nevertheless has very thorough processes for detecting and disallowing dual votes and personation.

These checks ensure the accuracy of the official count. More information can be found on our website: <https://elections.nz/democracy-in-nz/about-elections/election-integrity/>

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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