

18 December 2023

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/112

On Friday 1 December 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*I was the New Zealand Labour Party candidate in the 2014 election for the Selwyn electorate. I have been informed that the NZ Labour Party withdrew my nomination in the last few days before the main election day. Under the Official Information Act 1982 I herein request all correspondence relating to myself as the nominated candidate and the NZ Labour Party. The Party leader at this time was David Cunliffe Candidate, the General Secretary was Tim Barnett and the Assistant General Secretary was Diana Lacy.*

You were the New Zealand Labour Party candidate for the Selwyn electorate at the General Election held on 20 September 2014. The official results for the Selwyn Electorate at the 2014 general election which are available [here](#) confirm your candidacy. Candidate nominations cannot be withdrawn in the last few days before election day. Candidate nominations submitted through the bulk nomination process could only be withdrawn up to and including the deadline for candidate bulk nominations which for the 2014 general election was 25 August 2014.

The Commission does not hold any other information that falls within the scope of your request. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under s 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds that the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate, cannot be found.

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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