

7 February 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/116

Thank you for your request of 21/12/2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the political parties that voters of Māori descent voted for. Specifically, you have asked for:

- 1. Can the Electoral Commission provide a breakdown of which political parties people of Māori descent, enrolled in the general roll, voted for with their party vote? Ideally this breakdown would be in percentages.*
- 2. Can the Electoral Commission provide a breakdown of which political parties people of Māori descent, enrolled in the Māori roll, voted for with their party vote? Ideally this breakdown would be in percentages.*

Elections in New Zealand are conducted by 'secret ballot'. To ensure the secrecy of the ballot there is no way to keep a record of an individual's votes. Electors of Māori descent can choose to be enrolled on the general roll or the Māori roll. Only electors of Māori descent can be enrolled on the Māori roll. Electors of Māori and non-Māori descent enrolled on the general roll vote in a general electorate, and electors of Māori descent enrolled on the Māori roll vote in a Māori electorate.

So, with respect to your first question, although you can see the enrolment statistics for electors of Māori descent on the General roll here: [Enrolment by general electorate - all | Elections](#) and you can see the number of party votes in each of the general electorates on our election results website here: [Votes for Registered Parties by Electorate \(electionresults.govt.nz\)](#) [Votes for Registered Parties by Electorate \(electionresults.govt.nz\)](#), these votes cannot be broken down further into votes by electors of Māori descent versus non-Māori descent.

In regard to your second question, you can see a breakdown of how electors of Māori descent enrolled on the Māori roll voted by looking at the party votes for each Māori electorate, and the Māori electorate totals on our election results website here: [Votes for Registered Parties by Electorate \(electionresults.govt.nz\)](#).

The percentages of total valid party votes for each party as a total of party votes by electors in Māori electorates are listed in the table below:

Party vote	Percentage of party vote in Māori electorates <sup>1</sup>
ACT NEW ZEALAND	1.16
ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY	0.10
AOTEAROA LEGALISE CANNABIS PARTY	1.18
DEMOCRACYNZ	0.15
FREEDOMS NZ	1.05
GREEN PARTY	9.38
LABOUR PARTY	44.29
LEIGHTON BAKER	0.06
NATIONAL PARTY	5.10
NEW CONSERVATIVES	0.05
NEW NATION PARTY	0.02
NEW ZEALAND FIRST PARTY	4.46
NZ LOYAL	1.15
NEWZEAL	0.52
TE PĀTI MĀORI	30.37
THE OPPORTUNITIES PARTY (TOP)	0.87
WOMEN'S RIGHTS PARTY	0.08

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Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest two decimal places.