

6/11/2023

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2022/92

Thank you for your request of Tuesday, 31 October 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding total votes for special and overseas votes. Specifically, you have asked for:

Please give me in open file format a spreadsheet (and PDF format) of the last 10 elections totals for special votes and overseas votes - detailed by electorate.

The information you have requested for the past nine elections, excluding 2023, is currently publicly available. The information you have requested about the 2023 general election will be made publicly available on Monday 27 November 2023. On this basis, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

You can find election results here: <https://electionresults.govt.nz/>

For example, for the 2020 General Election, you can find the information you requested by selecting:

- 2020 General Election and Referendums – 17 October 2020
- Statistics
- Then select 2.3 Party special declaration votes by Electorate
- Or select 2.4 Electorate Candidate special declaration votes by Electorate
- This will take you to a table which lists each electorate alongside the special votes that were cast in 2020, which includes overseas votes. If you select 'csv' at the bottom of the table, the results will be converted into a spreadsheet.

Follow the same process for the elections of 2017, 2014, 2011, 2008, and 2005.

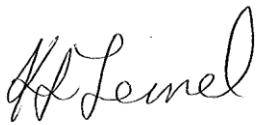
For the elections of 2002, 1999, and 1996, the Party and Candidate special vote totals are contained in the same file, but are still distinguished from one another in the corresponding table. Select section 2.3 to find your requested statistics for each of these elections.

The statistics for the 2023 general election, which will include the breakdown of special and overseas votes, will be published on the New Zealand election results website on Monday 27 November 2023.

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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