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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/93

On Tuesday 31 October 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Please share the procedures for receiving, reporting, transporting and counting special votes and overseas votes 2023 General Election.

Copies of the Commission's Operations Manual chapters outlining the procedures for receiving, reporting, transporting, and counting special and overseas votes are attached.

The procedures for receiving overseas votes by secure upload, post and in person at an overseas voting place are prescribed in the Electoral Regulations 1996. Procedures for the return of overseas votes issued at an overseas voting place are also attached. Overseas votes are returned to the Commission's centralised processing team in Wellington and are reported and counted as special votes in accordance with the procedures set out in the Operations Manual.

Some details have been withheld under section 6(c) of the Official Information Act where they may prejudice the maintenance of the law and compromise security arrangements at elections.

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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