

Expenditure	GE2017 \$000	GE2020 \$000	Change from GE2017	% change	Comments	GE2023 \$000	Change from GE2020	% change	Comments
HQ & Voting Places property costs	6,529	10,891	4,362	67%	<i>Covid-19 protocols required additional properties to ensure good separation</i>	21,555	10,665	98%	<i>Inflation and increased property demand lead to significant price increases in property.</i>
Staffing costs – HQ, Voting Places	17,894	38,871	20,977	117%	<i>Covid-19 protocols required additional properties to ensure good separation, this meant employing more staff</i>	63,659	25,264	65%	<i>Wage inflation post Covid has driven costs up significantly. Also, there has been a capability uplift and additional funding to resource the Electoral Commission for GE conduct.</i>
EasyVote pack and Update Campaigns– include printing, insert and postage costs	2,255	7,751	5,496	244%	<i>Mail outs costs increased due to additional inserts relating to the 2 Referenda in GE2020.</i>	16,820	6,658	86%	<i>NZ Post costs have significantly increased.</i>
Marketing campaign – include advertising production and placement on different media channels	10,105	16,918	6,813	67%	<i>Additional costs from communications relating to the referenda and the delayed Election date due to a new Covid-19 outbreak.</i>	11,900	324	2%	<i>Advertising of Maori Electoral option has resulted in 2 Campaigns for updating Electoral Rolls.</i>
Supplies – ballot paper, ballot boxes, voting screens etc.	4,437	7,234	2,797	63%	<i>Supply costs increased due to more locations, and additional referenda papers</i>	4,064	(3,170)	-44%	<i>Fewer Voting places, lowered requirements for supplies.</i>
Freight costs – incl storage, and delivery of supplies to HQ and Voting Places	676	2,624	1,948	288%	<i>Increased locations required increased Logistics</i>	3,471	847	32%	<i>Less locations was offset by increased freight costs.</i>
IT infrastructure - including Telecommunications	2,738	4,053	1,315	48%	<i>Increased maintenance costs of the Electoral Management and Enrolment Systems, following the transition from NZ Post .</i>	8,065	1,282	32%	<i>Increased mainteneace costs.</i>
Travel	1,007	2,151	1,144	114%	<i>Increased locations resulted in increased travel</i>	2,677	526	24%	<i>Travel is predominantly mileage and accomodation to visit Voting Places. Higher costs were offset by fewer locations.</i>
Other	1,978	5,446	3,468	175%	<i>Covid related PBE and other requirements led to greater costs</i>	1,785	(4,339)	-80%	<i>No requirement for PBE or other Covid related costs.</i>
Total direct conduct costs for the election over 3 year cycle	47,619	95,939	48,320	101%		133,995	38,056	40%	