

7/05/2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/24

On Sunday, 7 April 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Good morning, I am writing to formally request information regarding the donations received up until today by political parties, members of parliament and government ministers from organisations and individuals affiliated with Israel. As a concerned citizen, I believe it is crucial to understand the sources and amounts of donations received by elected officials from entities which are affiliated with Israel. The international Court of Justice preliminary ruling has found it plausible that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

The Electoral Commission publishes donors, which registered party or candidate they donated to, and how much they donated.

We do not collect information about the affiliations of donors. On this basis, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act. More information about where you can find the information that is collected by the Commission is below.

Registered parties must let the Electoral Commission know within 10 working days when they receive more than \$20,000 from a single donor between 1 January of election year and the day before election day (13 October 2023). This information can be found here:

<https://elections.nz/democracy-in-nz/political-parties-in-new-zealand/donations-exceeding-20000/>

From 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2022, registered political parties had to disclose within 10 working days when they got more than \$30,000 from a single donor within a 12-month period.

These returns are available here: <https://elections.nz/democracy-in-nz/political-parties-in-new-zealand/donations-exceeding-20000/donations-exceeding-30000/>

Registered political parties must file a return of the donations and loans they get each year. We make these returns available to the public here: <https://elections.nz/democracy-in-nz/political-parties-in-new-zealand/party-donations-and-loans-by-year/>

Candidates must report donations to their election campaign that are over \$1,500, and from 1 January 2023, candidate loans. The rules for reporting candidate donations and loans can be found

here: <https://elections.nz/guidance-and-rules/donations-and-loans/rules-for-candidate-donations-and-loans/>

The published candidate returns containing candidate donor information for the 2023 General Election can be found here: <https://elections.nz/democracy-in-nz/historical-events/2023-general-election/candidate-expenses-donations-and-loans/>

Please note that equivalent information for previous elections before 2023 can be located by navigating our Past Elections page, found here: <https://elections.nz/democracy-in-nz/historical-events/>

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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