

14 May 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/27

On Wednesday 17 April 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Please provide the constitutions of the following parties as at 1 January each year from 1995 to the present (unless the party was not registered at that point)

- *New Zealand National Party*
- *New Zealand Labour Party*
- *New Zealand First*
- *Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand*
- *ACT New Zealand*
- *Te Pāti Māori*
- *The Alliance*
- *United Future*
- *Jim Anderton's Progressive Party*

Please find attached copies of the requested party constitutions that the Electoral Commission holds. We have also listed the attached constitutions below for ease of reference.

Current constitutions as at the date of this response can be found on our website, in the Register of political parties: <https://elections.nz/democracy-in-nz/political-parties-in-new-zealand/register-of-political-parties/>

Parties are only required to provide the Commission with their constitution when there has been an amendment. They are not required to provide constitutions annually. Because of this we have provided you with a copy of each version that we hold.

The current Commission was formed in 2010 so we have provided you with the items we are able to locate, as access to documents prior to 2010 is more challenging and would require us to look through archive documents from the former Electoral Commissions. Looking through these archives would take additional time and cost, and we cannot guarantee success. Please let us know if you are happy with what we have provided or whether you require us to undertake a further search through archives.

ACT Party

01 ACT Constitution and Rules	March 2002
02 Amendment	April 2005
03 Constitution and Rules of ACT New Zealand	April 2013
04 Constitution and Rules of ACT New Zealand	2013
05 Constitution and Rules of ACT New Zealand	2016
06 Constitution and Rules of ACT New Zealand	June 2019
07 ACT New Zealand Constitution and Rules 2019	September 2019
08 Constitution and Rules of ACT New Zealand	May 2021
09 Constitution and Rules of ACT New Zealand	July 2022
10 ACT Constitution and Rules	No date

The Alliance

Alliance New Zealand Constitution as amended by the Alliance Conference 30 th November 2003	November 2003
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Green Party

01 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	June 2004
02 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	May 2009
03 Additional rules	September 2010
04 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	June 2012
05 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	June 2012
06 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	June 2016
07 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	May 2020
08 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	June 2022
09 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	July 2022
10 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	January 2023
11 Constitution of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	January 2023

Labour Party

01 New Zealand Labour Constitution and Rules	2003
02 New Zealand Labour Constitution and Rules	May 2007
03 Labour Constitution and Rules	2011
04 Labour Constitution and Rules	2013
05 Labour Constitution and Rules	2014
06 Labour Constitution and Rules	2015
07 Labour Constitution and Rules	2016
08 New Zealand Labour Party Constitution and Rules	November 2018
09 New Zealand Labour Party Incorporated Constitution and Rules	November 2019
10 New Zealand Labour Party Incorporated Constitution and Rules	2021
11 New Zealand Labour Party Incorporated Constitution and Rules	2021
12 New Zealand Labour Party Incorporated Constitution and Rules	2022

National Party

01 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party	May 2003
02 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party	November 2007
03 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party	September 2013
04 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party	October 2016
05 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party – Covid-19 special and temporary Rules – Expire 30 th September 2020	August 2019
06 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party	August 2021
07 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party – COVID-19 special and temporary rules expires 30 April 2022	August 2021
08 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party	October 2022
09 Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand National Party	May 2023

NZ First

01 New Zealand First Party Constitution	1998
02 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2011
03 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2012
04 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2013
05 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2015
06 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2015
07 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2016
08 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2018
09 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2018
10 New Zealand First Party Constitution	2021
11 New Zealand First Constitution	2022

Progressive Party

01 Constitution of the New Zealand Progressive Party	2004
02 Constitution of the Progressive Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	No date

Te Pāti Māori

01 Constitution	2008
02 Constitution	2009
03 Constitution	2011
04 Māori Party Constitution	2013
05 Māori Party Constitution	2016
06 Māori Party Constitution	2019
07 Te Pāti Māori Constitution	2023

United Future

01 Constitution of United Future New Zealand	2013
02 Constitution of United Future New Zealand	No date
03 Constitution of United Future New Zealand	No date

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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