

17 May 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/29**

On Thursday, 18 April 2024, you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*I was reviewing the Privacy Commissioner's list of information matching programmes [1] and noticed that all five of the EC Unenrolled Voters programmes were listed as "Inactive" and that each programme's information pages states that "No match runs were conducted in 2021/22 or 2022/23."*

*I was unable to find any information about this on the EC website.*

*Can you confirm that these programmes are still inactive? I was not able to find any information about the reason that these programmes became inactive. Is there some background information as to why these programmes are no longer active? Was a decision made to suspend these programmes?*

I can confirm that the Information Matching Agreements you have referred are currently suspended, and that the Electoral Commission has not conducted an inter-agency data match since 2020. The Commission has, however, conducted comprehensive enrolment update and social media campaigns in 2022 and 2023.

The Commission is always striving to improve customer experience and we are looking at how we can make better use of technology to make the outcome of information matching programmes more effective and efficient.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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