

29 September 2025

By email to: [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/67

On Sunday, 31 August 2025 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*Hi under OIA legislation I would like to officially request some information related to the Tāmaki Makaurau by election follow Takutai Tarsh Kemp's death on 26 June 2025. 1. How many individuals both registered electors and unregistered, made contact with the electoral commission to update, switch or enrol on the Māori roll between 26 June 2025 and 9 July 2025 when the officially death notice of Tarsh Kemp MP was published in the gazette by the NZ Speaker Gerard Brownlee. When responding please break it down into specific categories and provide a detailed and descriptive report. 2. How many electors successfully amended, updated or registered on the Māori roll in this period 26 June 2025—9 July 2025? 3. Please provide copies of written communications including letter or emails send from the commission confirming their enrollment or changes no personal identifying data is needed you can redact personal information to respect individuals privacy. 4. At any point did any member of the public inform the commission they want to change rolls or register for the by election because a registered political party in NZ or elected members of Parliament encouraged them? 5. How many individuals if any were declined enrollment on the Māori roll for this period 26 June 2025—9 July 2025? 6. I would like official update on my written complaints and numerous phone calls complaining of breaches to the electoral act by Te Pāti Māori following the 2023 general election. I complained about promoter statements, toitū te tiriti and it being founded by the vice president and Toitu also having no promoter statement on their website. You did not update me or get back to me. I look forward to your responses
Regards, [REDACTED]*

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In the period beginning 26 June 2025 and ending 9 July 2025, the number of individuals who contacted the Electoral Commission to update, switch or enrol was 667. This is made up of:

- 188 electors changing from General roll to the Tāmaki Makaurau electorate roll,
- 30 electors changing from the Tāmaki Makaurau electorate roll to the general roll
- 70 new electors enrolled in the Tāmaki Makaurau electorate
- 379 existing electors who were registered in the Tāmaki Makaurau electorate updating their details without any change in their roll type.

2. How many electors successfully amended, updated or registered on the Māori roll in this period 26 June 2025—9 July 2025?

The answer is the same as Q1, given that, since this period was not an exemption period, we didn't have any declined requests for changing rolls; all requests were accepted.

3. Please provide copies of written communications including letter or emails send from the commission confirming their enrollment or changes no personal identifying data is needed you can redact personal information to respect individuals privacy.

We have not provided copies of the communications as they contain personally identifiable information, but we have provided copies of the letter and email templates that we sent.

4. At any point did any member of the public inform the commission they want to change rolls or register for the by election because a registered political party in NZ or elected members of Parliament encouraged them?

Information on reasons why someone applies to enrol or update their details is not collected. We do not have any specific information that confirms that the 667 applicants were applying because a registered political party in NZ or elected member of Parliament encouraged them.

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We apologise for not advising you of the outcome of the Commission's enquiries into Te Pati Māori not including promoter statements on clothing and merchandise. The Commission contacted the party about its clothing and merchandise, and the party secretary advised the Commission that it intended to put promoter statements on its clothing and merchandise.

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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