

17 October 2025

By email to [REDACTED]

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/75

On Friday, 3 October 2025 you made a request for the following information in relation to electronic roll data candidates for local elections can request from the Electoral Commission:

- 1. does the information supplied include whether the person voted at the last local body election - often known as the "marked roll" - or is that obtained from the local electoral officers?*
- 2. how many candidates for this year's local body elections, have requested data?*
- 3. Other than the political parties, and councils/local electoral officers, what other organisations have requested data in the last 24 months - for example, Local Government New Zealand, or government agencies?*

We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

1. Does the information supplied include whether the person voted at the last local body election - often known as the "marked roll" - or is that obtained from the local electoral officers?

No, the electoral information that candidates for local elections can receive from the Electoral Commission under section 114 of the Electoral Act 1993 does not include information on whether a person has voted at the last local body election.

2. How many candidates for this year's local body elections, have requested data?

The Electoral Commission provided electronic roll data under section 114 of the Electoral Act to 20 local election candidates for the areas they were contesting. We also provided one data extract to a political party with candidates in 6 wards and 1 local board area.

3. Other than the political parties, and councils/local electoral officers, what other organisations have requested data in the last 24 months - for example, Local Government New Zealand, or government agencies?

Electoral information can only be supplied to candidates, political parties and members of Parliament under section 114 of the Electoral Act. Entities such as Local Government New Zealand and government agencies are not able to request data under this provision.

For completeness, please note there are other provisions in the Electoral Act 1993 and other legislation that allow the Electoral Commission to supply electronic roll data to the following entities:

- Tūhono iwi affiliation service (sections 111A to 11F of the Electoral Act)
- state sector organisations for research purposes (section 112 of the Electoral Act)
- Stats NZ for statistical and research purposes under the Data and Statistics Act 2022 (section 112A of the Electoral Act)
- local councils (section 113 of the Electoral Act)
- Ministry of Justice for jury lists (Juries Act 1981)

A list of state sector organisations that have been approved to receive enrolment data under section 112 of the Electoral Act, and a summary of the research purpose is available here:

<https://elections.nz/stats-and-research/applications-for-roll-data/approved-research-applications/>.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to OIA requests every three months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA 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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