

17 November 2025

By email to: [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/80

On Sunday, 19 October 2025 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Please confirm the following information-

1- how many bomb threats have been made against staff from your organisation in the past three years by year?

- how many people were charged with making said threat?*
- how many threats were made anonymously?*
- how many times were premises locked down due to said threats?*
- how many threats came true?*

2- how many threats to kill have been made against staff from your organisation in the past three years by year?

- how many people were charged with making said threat?*
- how many threats were made anonymously?*
- how many times were premises locked down due to said threats?*
- how many threats came true?*

3. how many other threats (that qualified as threats to the life or physical safety of staff) were made against staff from your organisation in the past three years by year?

- how many people were charged with making said threat?*
- how many threats were made anonymously?*
- how many times were premises locked down due to said threats?*
- how many threats came true?*

4. how much money is being spent on staff counselling over the same period by year

- one-to-one*
- group sessions*

Please divide by managers, non-managerial staff, (male, female, other gender).

5. For 4., how many sessions for each group by one-to-one and group over the same period by year were conducted?

Questions 1 and 2 - Bomb threats and threats to kill

During the past three years, the Electoral Commission has not received any bomb threats or threats to kill directed at its staff.

No individuals were charged in relation to such threats.

No threats were made anonymously.

No premises were placed in lockdown.

No threats materialised.

Question 3 - Other threats to life or physical safety

During the last three years, the Electoral Commission recorded the following number of incidents involving threats to the life or physical safety of staff:

Five incidents in 2023.

In relation to these incidents:

No individuals were charged in relation to such threats.

No threats were made anonymously.

No premises were placed in lockdown.

No threats materialised.

Questions 4 and 5 - Staff Counselling Expenditure and Sessions

We interpreted Questions 4 and 5 as seeking information on counselling services in connection with the incidents referred to in Questions 1-3. There is no direct link between the threats made to Electoral Commission staff and the reasons why staff have accessed counselling services, and we are unable to provide you with the information requested and this aspect of your request has been refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information requested does not exist.

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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