

16 February 2026

By email to: [REDACTED]

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2026/09

On 4 February 2026 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Part D – Prior OIA Handling and Completeness

Given previous OIA responses have been partial or non-substantive, please also provide:

- 1. Internal guidance, training, or instructions used by your organisation when responding to OIA requests.*
- 2. Records explaining decisions to withhold, redact, or narrow prior responses relating to elections or pensioner housing.*
- 3. Confirmation of whether any responsive information exists but was previously not disclosed.*

Responses to your questions have been provided below.

- 1. Internal guidance, training, or instructions used by your organisation when responding to OIA requests.*

Please find attached documents used by the Electoral Commission when responding to Official Information requests.

Some names have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons. In each case where redactions have been made under section 9(2)(a), consideration has been given to, and I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding of the information are not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make that information available.

- 2. Records explaining decisions to withhold, redact, or narrow prior responses relating to elections or pensioner housing.*

The Commission proactively releases responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We publish responses with personal details redacted. Responses that have been withheld, redacted, or clarified and refined include the decision and reasoning within each

response. Responses to Official Information requests can be found on our website here:
[Responses to OIA requests | Elections](#)

Note that the Commission has not responded to any requests relating to pensioner housing as it is outside the scope of the Commission's functions.

3. Confirmation of whether any responsive information exists but was previously not disclosed.

No information relating to Official Information responses exists that has not been previously disclosed.

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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