

17 March 2026

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By email to: [REDACTED]

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2026/12

On 17 February 2026 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Can you please confirm how many votes were cast at New Zealand House in last year's Tāmaki Makaurau by-election?

On 18 February 2026, you clarified your request:

My request is in respect of NZ Embassies and High Commissions abroad (for this by-election only) But specifically NZ House in London.

Three overseas voting places were established for the Tamaki Makaurau by-election. These were located at the:

- New Zealand High Commission in London, UK
- New South Wales Electoral Commission in Sydney, Australia
- Electoral Commission Queensland Office in Brisbane, Australia

As voting is a choice made by the voter, for privacy reasons we do not release details of overseas votes by country/venue where the number of votes is less than 20. I can confirm that the number of votes received from each of these three locations was less than 20.

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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