

15 July 2024

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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/46

On 3 July 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

advise whether it is standard practice that New Zealanders overseas are being removed from the electoral roll without notice (even when they have visited New Zealand within the last 3 years)? I would also like any information held by the Electoral Commission about whether

- (i) this represents a recent change in the Electoral Commission's practice; and*
- (ii) how the Electoral Commission identifies that individuals are resident overseas and / or when they last were in New Zealand. Please regard this as an Official Information Act request.*

The Electoral Commission does not remove people living overseas from the electoral roll unless we are notified (usually by them) that either:

- they no longer wish to be enrolled; or
- they provide 'a last in New Zealand date', which is more than 3 years from signing the enrolment form.

We have provided a response to your first two questions separately from this official information request response as they pertain to more personal details regarding your enrolment.

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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