

11 September 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/50

On 23 August 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

According to the "General Election 2023: Independent review of counting errors" report published by the Controller Of the Auditor General "A month before the election, the structured approach to risk management ceased and a General Election Delivery Taskforce was set up". Do you have documentation used by this "task force" that was used to run the election - inform decision-making and manage the organisation at an appropriate level of governance level. I may have implied that I was seeking only the board level information, which you have supplied, but I was after more than that. If you do not have such information to hand I will conclude that there was no formal reporting or related information/artefacts produced during the actual election period.

We would firstly like to apologise for the delay in getting this information to you. As you will appreciate, the large amount of information being released as part of this request has taken longer to process than anticipated.

Members of the General Election Delivery Taskforce were initially required to complete an individual Situation Report (SITREP) from which the administrator transferred information into the main SITREP. Documents from 11 September to 25 September reflected this practice. After 25 September, due to time constraints, members provided their input directly into the Taskforce SITREP.

Information in the Taskforce SITREPS differs slightly from the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) SITREPS, as some content (e.g. generic or operational information) was summarised so that ELT and the Board received more strategic versions of the SITREPS.

From Election Day (14 October onwards), Taskforce and ELT SITREPS were amalgamated into one single document due to time constraints.

From 16 November onwards, the focus for the Taskforce was delivering the Port Waikato by-election. Members of the Taskforce who were not involved in the by-election process were not required to provide input to the document. The General Election recounts were completed by this date.

Please find below a table of the attached documents:

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37	26/10/2023 SITREP, Official Count Progress Update, NEMA Daily Intelligence Briefing and Enrolment Stats Review	76	August 2023 – GED Taskforce Roles and Responsibilities
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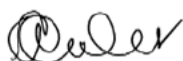
Parts of the documents are withheld under sections 6(a) and 6(c) of the Act where they may prejudice the maintenance of the law and compromise security arrangements at elections. Some contact details, such as phone numbers, email addresses and some names have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons. Unlabelled redactions have been made under section 9(2)(a).

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.

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Yours sincerely



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