

22 November 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/65C

On Thursday 8 October 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for information including:

- any correspondence between Electoral Commission staff relating to OIA request 2024/45; and
- any drafts of the response to OIA request 2024/45.

For the avoidance of confusion, correspondence should be interpreted as including, but not limited to, letters, memorandums, emails, text messages, instant messaging services such as Microsoft Teams, Slack, Skype, or any similar platform, and recollections of oral conversations.

Please find attached the requested information. We are continuing to also work on the other information requested and will respond on that as soon as we can.

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. 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.

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



Karl Le Quesne
Chief Electoral Officer