

21/11/2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/67

On Friday, 8 November 2024, you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

This is to request under the Official Information Act 1982 all information held by the Electoral Commission concerning the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill currently before Parliament.

Please find attached the requested information.

We have only included material within documents that are in scope of your request, we have redacted parts that are out of scope.

The Ministry of Justice conducted reading rooms for the comments on the Cabinet paper and regulatory impact statements. The Electoral Commission provided comments on the administrative implications of conducting the referendum with the general election, including impacts on security, costing issues and the voter information campaign. Copies of the Cabinet paper and regulatory impact statement are available [here](#).

As identified, a redaction has been made under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA on the ground that the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

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. These redactions are unlabelled.

In each case where redactions have been made under sections 9(2)(g)(i) and 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



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