

14 February 2025

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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/01

On Monday 06 January 2025 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

I'm getting in touch under the Official Information Act to please request all documents on cost-savings at the electoral commission from October 2023 to now. Please include cost-benefit analysis and any potential impacts this could have on the 2025 general election, if at all.

The information requested relates to advice to Ministers on matters that are still under active consideration with decisions and announcements still pending. I am refusing your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act on the grounds that withholding the information is necessary to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials. I am satisfied that there are no other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, for the information withheld to be made 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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