

10/03/2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/15

On Friday, 7 March 2025, you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

This request is regarding Jim Grenon's registration as a third-party promoter in the 2023 general election. I'd like to request the following information:

- *A copy of Jim Grenon's expense return as a third-party promoter (if one was filed).*
- *Details of any declared election-related spending by Grenon or any associated entity.*
- *Any correspondence between Grenon (or his representatives) and the Electoral Commission about his registration and expenditure.*
- *Any compliance or audit assessments related to Grenon's spending as a third-party promoter.*

If any of this information is withheld, please let me know the reasons under the OIA. I'm happy to refine this request if needed.

The Electoral Commission did not receive a return of registered promoter expenses from Jim Grenon for the 2023 General Election. Third parties only need to complete a return if they have \$100,000 or more of expenses to declare.

Therefore, we have no details or correspondence of any declared election related expenditure by Jim Grenon.

Correspondence relating to Jim Grenon's registration as a third party promoter has been attached to this letter. This includes an application email from Jim Grenon, an acknowledgement email from the Commission, and a letter and email confirming his registration as a third party promoter.

The Commission holds no compliance or audit assessments related to Jim Grenon's election expenditure beyond the attached documents.

For more information on the rules third parties have to follow during elections, please refer to the [Third Party Handbook on elections.nz](https://www.elections.nz/third-party-handbook).

Some contact details, such as 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



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