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Dear

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2022/12

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received 6 May 2022 which requested:

I wonder asking for data on citizens and non-citizens (PR holders) among those who voted in the 2020 general election, or any other year, thank you.

Under section 18(g) of the OIA this request is refused because the information is not held by the Electoral Commission, and we have no grounds to believe it is held by another agency.

When electors enrol or vote, their status as a citizen or permanent resident is not recorded by the Electoral Commission.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every three months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted on www.elections.nz.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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