

13 September

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2022/45

Thank you for your request of 7 September 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding party vote data by age band. Specifically, you have asked for:

I would like to request party vote data, by age band, for the most recent election.

I have put together a screenshot (see following) of what I'm after, though in the interest of due particularity, I would like to note some age groups and Party's have been omitted. In your response, please include all age bands and all Party's.

I have used the age bands found on your website, but I am open to alternative bands if you suggest that's better.

If there is an issue with small numbers, you could opt to include only the top 10 Party's.

The Electoral Commission is not able to provide the information you have requested as it is not held by the Commission. On this basis your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

Ballot papers from a general election are destroyed in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and an Electoral Commissioner. This occurs 6 months after an election, in accordance with section 189 of the Electoral Act 1993.

The process for counting the votes is prescribed in the Electoral Act 1993. Further, elections in New Zealand are conducted by 'secret ballot'. Due to the secrecy of the vote, there is no way to link age or other voter attribute with the party and candidate votes counted.

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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