

20/09/2024

D Watson

By email to: fyi-request-28185-47e478c9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear D Watson

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/59

On Monday, 26 August you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

In the following OIA you have stated that a number of reviews would be carried out in Q1 and Q2 2024, see the section "steps the electoral commission has taken in response"

https://elections.nz/assets/OIA-requests/2023/OIA-Response-2023-84a_Redacted.pdf

Please provide the documentation for these reviews - the actual documented reviews themselves -and any information about the work carried out by third parties (consulting firms etc.) or internally in relation to these reviews - for example responses to the reviews, management or board comments, terms or reference etc.

Further can you provide the cost of these reviews.

I have been unable to find a specific update in your report on the 2023 general election. Were there any other reviews, beyond the ones mentioned in the above OIA, that were carried out related to issues reported during the election, I am particularly interested in reviews by third parties and the responses to same.

The four 'Steps the Electoral Commission has taken in response' referenced in OIA 2023/84 have been taken in the form of two reports. These reports are in their final stages but have not yet been finalised. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act on the grounds that this information does not yet exist.

We would like to note that the Report into the 2023 General Election provided a guideline date for the completion of the above reports, but this was not a hard deadline.

One further report was carried out and is in scope of your request. This was the Electoral Management System controls assessment, which was an assessment of the financial controls in place for the Commission's Election Management System, which is used by field staff during elections. This report cost \$96,169 (GST exclusive) and has been attached to this response.

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



Karl Le Quesne
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