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Joel MacManus

By email: fyi-request-3936-5710e956@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Joel

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2016/11

I refer to your request of 27 February 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) in which you requested the following information:

- *Any correspondence between the Electoral Commission and Dunedin City Council returning officer Pam Jordan regarding the recommendation that the proposed voting booth on Otago University campus during the 2013 local body election be scrapped*

The Electoral Commission is an independent Crown entity responsible for the conduct and administration of parliamentary elections, by-elections and referenda. The Commission does not have responsibility over the conduct of local body elections. The Commission's only role with regards to local body elections is to ensure that the electoral roll is up to date and provided to each local council. As such, there is no correspondence between the Electoral Commission and any officer of the Dunedin City Council relating to the matter specified.

For this reason your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Act on the basis that the information is not available.

Any questions regarding the conduct of local body elections would be best directed to the Dunedin City Council.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request.

Yours sincerely



Kristina Temel
Electoral Commission