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Dear Isla Stewart

Your Departmental official information act request, reference OIA1920-0474

Thank you for your request via the fyi.org.nz website of 10 December 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"a copy of the uncompiled source code of the programs provided to councils for the purpose of vote counting in the 2019 Local Government Elections".

The following information has been identified within scope of your request:

- the uncompiled source code for the Single Transferable Vote (STV) calculator.

The STV calculator was developed in 2002 and the software development was outsourced to a private company. To the best of our knowledge, the Department does not hold the uncompiled source code. This would have remained with the company that did the development. As the Department does not hold the uncompiled source code for the STV calculator, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington 6011. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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