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Casey Russell

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Dear Casey Russell,

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2021/11

On 31 March 2021 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Commission regarding prisoner voting.

Specifically, you have asked for:

The number of prisoners who voted in the 2020 General Election and Referendums

The breakdown of the votes of prisoners in the 2020 General Election and Referendums (candidate, party, and each referendum result).

Over 3,500 votes were taken in prisons at the 2020 General Election and referendums.

A breakdown of the results for prisoner voting cannot be separately provided as there is no provision for them to be counted and reported on separately. Accordingly, your request is refused under s 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by the Electoral Commission.

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 requests. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Astle

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