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Dale Smith

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Dear Mr Smith

## **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2015/03**

I refer to your request of 4 February 2015 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the following information:

- Legal requirements for any individual in New Zealand to be the secretary of a political party;
- Legal requirements for any individual in New Zealand to be a board member of a political party; and
- Legal requirements for any individual in New Zealand to be the Chair Person of a political party.

The Electoral Act 1993 does not outline any requirements for an individual who is seeking to become the party secretary, a board member and/or the chair of a political party. The requirements and processes for such appointments are typically described in each party's respective constitution or party rules.

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

Yours sincerely

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