28/09/2023 – Situation Report Week 3

As at 12.37pm on 28/09/2023 prepared by Crispian

Distributed to	All GEDT members
Key Contacts	Anusha Guler and Crispian
	Martin to chair the hui.
Previous ELT	3 ELT Standup SITREPS 3 27092023 FINAL.docx
SITREP	
Overview	Summary of the current event
	Queenstown and Southland state of emergency lifted (23/09)
	Overseas voting and dictation have started.
	Protests around Parliament take place on Thursday 28 September. The Incident Management team
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	resourced for these types of questions.
	Overseas, Dictation, and Remote Voting: Overseas, Dictation, Remote, eLearn - Tableau Cloud
	Voting Place – Auckland
	There is a planned strike of prison staff next Tuesday. This could have an impact on advance voting in these facilities.
Enrolment	Issue 1 Keying Error:
	As a result of a recent enrolment processing keying error (we put a Māori elector onto the wrong roll
	type) we have conducted an audit to determine if there has been systemic keying errors.
	 No systemic keying issue identified – however, we did pick up another example of a Māori elector being put onto the wrong roll type.
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	• Extending the audit, and focussing on a narrower category of only Māori Electors, who have enrolled for the first time since 13 July.
	Issue 2 Confirmation email error (online enrolment)
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Mike is correct. The issue is an incorrect confirmation email. not a fault in MIKE. It is similar to the issue with confirmation messaging in relation to online enrolments few weeks ago, for which we stood up an IMT. IT is currently investigating. The customer services team has been briefed. **General Update** Keying continues, averaging around 1,000m paper forms a day and 4,800 online forms a day. **Print Delivery General Update:** Mana hasn't received Te Hai Hauauru rolls, and 6(a) has been notified. Whanganui received a large quantity of Te Hai Hauauru rolls that they do not know who they belong. The electorate is working with the Te Hai Hauauru team while the Roll print team is carrying out checks in the background. IT **NEW ISSUE** Cert NZ (Computer Emergency Response Team) critical vulnerability - we have identified a new global critical vulnerability called "Webp" that highlights potential security risks to some of our systems. We are conducting an impact assessment with our service deliver partners. **GENERAL UPDATE** Connectivity Issue 25/9 - No further service issues, Incident report suggests issues were triggered by Daylight savings changes at the weekend, but still to be 100% confirmed. Meeting supplier to discuss next steps 28/9. Field Users Mobile Connectivity - All additional Spark SIM cards received and in the process of being delivered to sites. Bulk activation process agreed and in place with Spark. Interactive Voice Recognition Call Quality Issues – Acceptance testing scheduled for Thursday Enrolment Centralised Processing Wi-Fi issues in Upper Hutt - Continuing to monitor call quality and call transfer issues. Higher spec Contact Centre headsets being arranged to mitigate the noise pollution concerns at site in Upper Hutt Customer **General Update: Services** Since yesterday, the team had 512 tickets created, received 52 phone calls and made 8 outbound calls. 89% of tickets were resolved. Telnet received 1,466 calls and 158 emails, 19% higher volume than last week. The top enquiry remains to be enrolment related, followed by general voting and Where & When can I vote questions. Currently there are 9 complaints on hand across the business units. **ACTIONS TAKEN:** The team continued to work with Telnet and IT and monitored any queries and issues raised, including 3-way conversations, static sound and Zendesk audio quality issues. **Communications General Update:** and Education Media Great story on Kids Voting published on RNZ Media providing lots of explainers on voting at the moment

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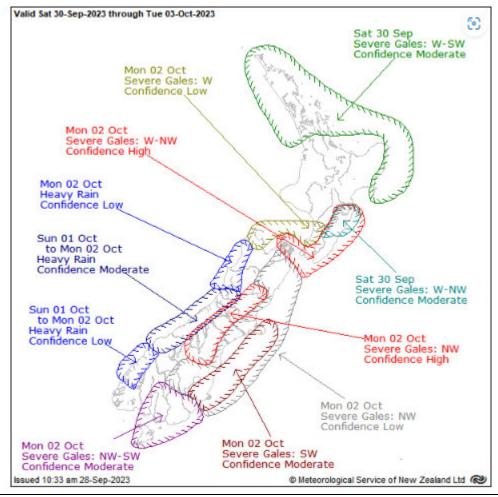
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MetService Extended Forecast 29-1 October

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Sunday

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Chatham Islands

Showers and westerlies. Showers becoming isolated later on Saturday.

ACTION REGISTER LOG

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Unit	Issue Severity	ACTION	DATE RAISED ~	wно _	DUE DAT ~	IMPACT ~	UPDATE/OUTCOME ~	DATE CLOSED ~
IT	W2000000000000000000000000000000000000	IT working with One.NZ and VS to identify and deliver contingent solutions for sites that do not have one.NZ connectivity.	12/09/23	Paul CIO	19/09/23	Reputational - direct impact on VS staff across the region.	Working with the provider to resolve this.	Ongoing

Voting Services Print Progress report:

Field incidents:

Security Incident Report Summary 28/9/23

Туре	Reported	Resolved
Total Reports Received	22	22
Access to HQs or EC Sites	10	10
Building System Issue	3	3
Staff Abuse (Inc Racial)	5	5
Damage to Vehicle/Building	1	1
Recruitment	1	1
Other	1	1

Election Integrity Project – This group is wanting to set up scrutineers to observe and check integrity of the vote count. For preliminary counts at HQs guards are on site Latest intel is that they will be more focused on the official count than preliminary. This is a shift from wanting to be present at all voting places.

Dated: 28.09.23

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Heighted awareness of security around parliament with protesters expected Thursday 28 Sep.

Incidents of attempted access to HQs have been intercepted before access was obtained. Staff are vigilant and following procedures. Access to keys and swipe cards have been tightened.

Landlords have updated security and access systems where required

Reported incidents of abuse have mainly been at EC events where staff were easily identified.

Executive Summary:

- As of 8.30 this morning there were 2200 Overseas Uploads, at this stage we do not know how many unique votes this equates to
- All E2's and E2-G's specials (ballot papers) have been despatched. The remaining E2-M will all be sent out today
- Only 11 Ordinary ballot papers left to send out
- Easy Vote- 100% of Priority one and two Electorates have had their letters printed
- We are expecting conformation from Mainfreight today that all school deliveries are complete.

Printing details: Of ballot papers, and Easy Vote packs

	Due 2/10/	²⁰²³ (ready	for Election Day)		
	Not Started	Printed	Despatched	Delivered	total
Ordinary	0	29	32	4	65
E2 – Māori Ballot Pads	0	65	0	0	65

E2-General	0	65	0	0	65
E2-Māori	0	0	7	0	7

EasyVote Production Update

Elec	toral # and name	Actual Mailset Volume	Printing complete	Mail processing	Mail processing complete	Signed off by EC for release	
17	Kaikoura A & B	48,060	16-Sep	18-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	
5	Christchurch Central A	22,919	16-Sep	18-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	
5	Christchurch Central B	45,618	16-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	
6	Christchurch East	47,149	16-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	
1	Auckland Central	39,170	17-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	
9	East Coast	49,439	17-Sep	20-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	
7	Coromandel	53,313	17-Sep	20-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	
32	Northland	52,824	17-Sep	20-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	
41	Rangitikei	46,967	17-Sep	21-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	
50	Taranaki-King Country	46,165	17-Sep	21-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	
48	Takanini	49,896	17-Sep	21-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	
21	Mangere	44,019	17-Sep	22-Sep	22-Sep	25-Sep	
22	Manurewa	42,703	18-Sep	22-Sep	22-Sep	25-Sep	
37	Panmure-Otahuhu	45,012	18-Sep	22-Sep	22-Sep	25-Sep	
10	East Coast Bays	46,832	18-Sep	22-Sep	22-Sep	25-Sep	
64	Whangarei	50,843	18-Sep	23-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	
3	Bay of Plenty	51,373	19-Sep	23-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	
19	Kelston	44,250	19-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	
23	Maungakiekie	42,709	19-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	
31	Northcote	46,646	19-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	
4	Botany	48,856	19-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	
25	Mt Roskill	47,817	19-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	
28	New Lynn	49,164	19-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	
30	North Shore	47,764	20-Sep	26-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	
35	Pakuranga	44,382	20-Sep	26-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	
55	Upper Harbour	50,988	20-Sep	26-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	
20	Mana	49,017	20-Sep	26-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	

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60	Wellington Central	47,729	16-Sep	Quarantined	100	

51	Taupo	50,591	16-Sep	18-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep
8	Dunedin	49,296	16-Sep	18-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep
59	Waitaki	49,413	17-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep
46	Southland	44,840	17-Sep	20-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep
61	West Coast-Tasman	48,767	17-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep
40	Rangitata	47,784	17-Sep	20-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep
	Unpublished	25,372	17-Sep	20-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep
66	Hauraki-Waikato	33,994	18-Sep	20-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep
67	Ikaroa-Rawhiti	36,006	18-Sep			
68	Tamaki Makaurau	38,308	18-Sep	21-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep
69	Te Tai Hauauru	35,008	19-Sep	22-Sep	22-Sep	24-Sep
70	Te Tai Tokerau	37,445	19-Sep	21-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep
71	Te Tai Tonga	36,963	20-Sep	21-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep
72	Waiariki	37,387	21-Sep	24-Sep	24-Sep	24-Sep
13	Hamilton West	47,353	21-Sep	21-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep
53	Te Atatu	47,120	21-Sep	23-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep
54	Tukituki	48,189	21-Sep	23-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep
56	Waikato	48,537	21-Sep	23-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep
62	Whanganui	47,487	22-Sep	24-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep
26	Napier	47,172	22-Sep	24-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep
58	Waiarapa	51,338	22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	24-Sep
16	Invercargill	46,107	22-Sep	24-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep
65	Wigram	45,316	23-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep
44	Rotorua	44,103	23-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep
36	Palmerston North	43,434	23-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep
34	Otaki	50,632	23-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep
42	Remutaka	48,971	23-Sep	26-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep
43	Rongotai	47,819	23-Sep	26-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep
33	Ohariu	46,908	23-Sep	26-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep
47	Taieri	49,611	24-Sep			
27	Nelson	49,585	24-Sep			li .
45	Selwyn	51,531	24-Sep	26-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep
2	Banks Peninsula	54,605	24-Sep			
57	Waimakariri	53,385	25-Sep			
15	Ilam	48,375	25-Sep			

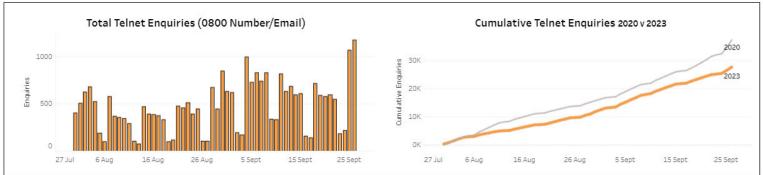
Enrolment Dashboard

General Election 2023 Enrolment Campaign



Customer Enquiries and Complaints Dashboard





View Enquiries/Complaints

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Enquiries Team	808	823	827	925	1,237	1,835	1,373	1,222	572				Enquiries	
Enrolment	523	526	763	475	394	564	349	369	174	1	Enrolling to Vote or	updating my details	1,143	

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Legal & Policy	13	24	10	13	13	23	23	30	3	2	General enquiries	328	20%
Communications	7	8	5	18	17	16	16	15	3	3	Voting in an Election	112	796
Overseas	5	7	7	11	7	19	14	22	7	4	Voting from overseas	38	296
Voting Services	1	2		1	2	4	5	7	4	5	Information for parties and candidates	17	196
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Enquiries Last

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	 Severe weather in Gisborne and Bay of Plenty. Gisborne is currently (0907) unaffected by the weather. There has been some slipping at Otoko southeast of Matawai on SH2. This is a main connection between Whakatane and Gisborne. The road is not shut presently. We will maintain a watch on this road as it is the main supply run from Gisborne. No flooding in Bay of Plenty though heavy rain in Tauranga. Rain is falling heavily in Coromandel but there is no flooding and no road closures. Rain in Hawkes Bay is moderate, but not approaching any critical or warning levels. It is forecast to lighten this afternoon. Overseas voting and dictation have started. Protests around Parliament take place on Thursday 28 September. The Incident Management team (IMT) was stood up on the 26th September, and the daily IMT Sitrep will be shared with the Taskforce members.
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	ACTION
	 Martin, Grace and Beth to discuss a plan for the request for overseas voting data. Voting Places
	 Weather disruption is a major concern. There are plans in place to manage expectations and resources for Electorate Managers to handle on the day.
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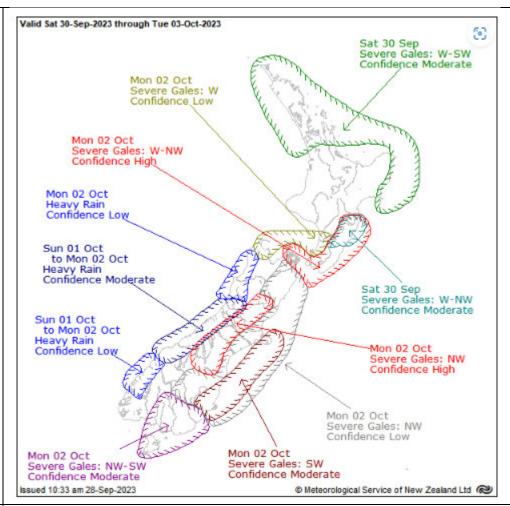
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