



Daily Intelligence Briefing

Issued: 1030hrs 05 Oct 2023

Authorised by: [REDACTED] – Watch Leader

Next update: 1030hrs 06 Oct 2023

Executive Summary

- A strong wind watch is in force for Fiordland and Southland beginning tomorrow morning.

NEMA Operational Status

Operational activity

- NCC is at Mode 1 (MAR Centre Monitoring).

On-call roster

Director	[REDACTED]
National Controller	[REDACTED]

Response Manager	[REDACTED]
Activation Coordinator	[REDACTED]

PIM	[REDACTED]
REMA North	[REDACTED]
REMA South	[REDACTED]

Response Activity

Nothing to report.

Weather and Climate



Current Weather

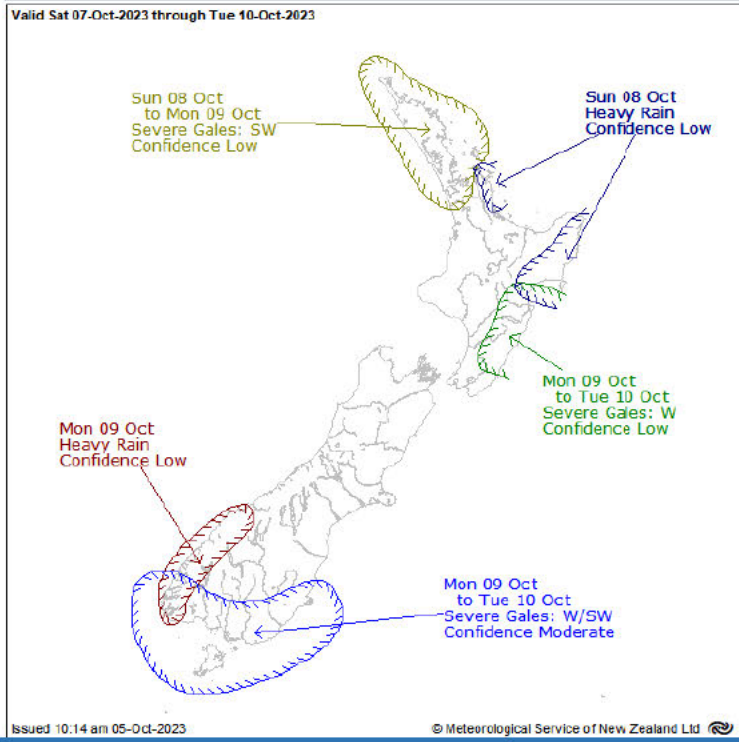
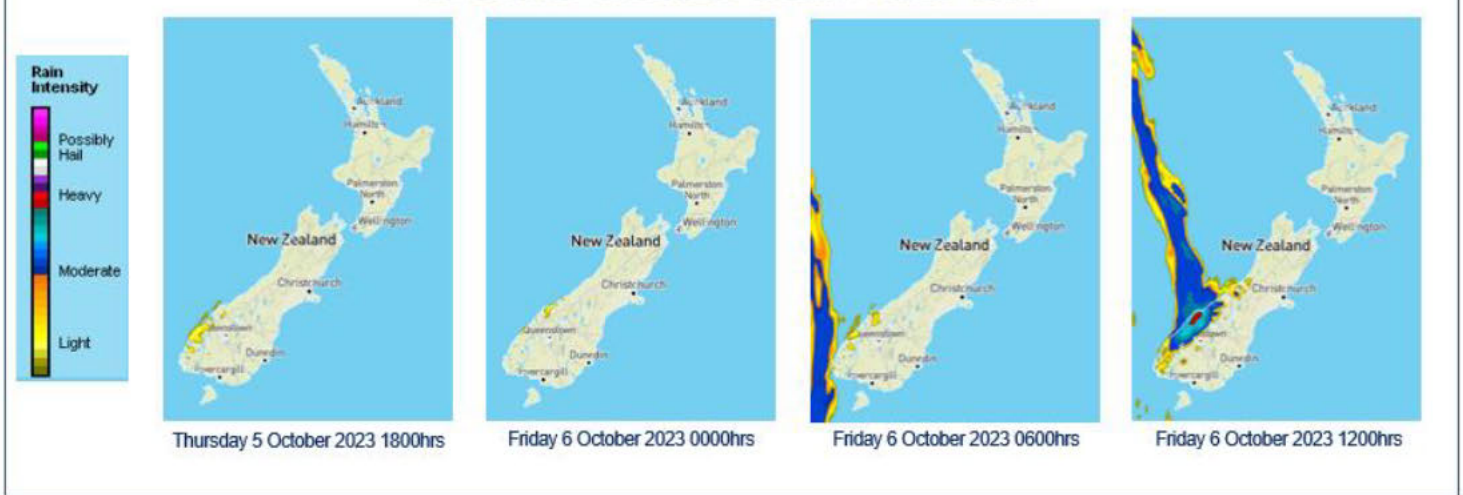
Northwesterlies may rise to gale in the South Island overnight and winds are expected to ease late tomorrow afternoon.

A strong wind watch is in place for Fiordland and Southland on early Friday morning from 0300hrs until 1700hrs. This watch is in place due to the possibility of severe gales briefing affecting exposed parts of Fiordland and Southland.

Accurate from MetService as at 1000hrs today

Prepared by the NEMA Monitoring, Alerting and Reporting Centre to provide awareness that supports informed decision making.
Any questions, comments or contributions should be addressed to: mar@nema.govt.nz.

METSERVICE - MODELLED FORECAST FIELDS – RAIN



Severe Weather Outlook

A couple of fronts are expected to move across the North Island during the weekend, with a low developing over or near the northern North Island late Saturday or Sunday. At this stage there is quite a lot of uncertainty regarding the development of this low, but it may bring some heavy rain and/or strong winds to parts of the North Island.

Geological

Volcanic Activity (Level 1 and above)

Volcano	Level	Volcanic Activity	Aviation Code
Whakaari/ White Island	2	Moderate to heightened volcanic unrest	Yellow
Ruapehu	1	Minor volcanic unrest	Green
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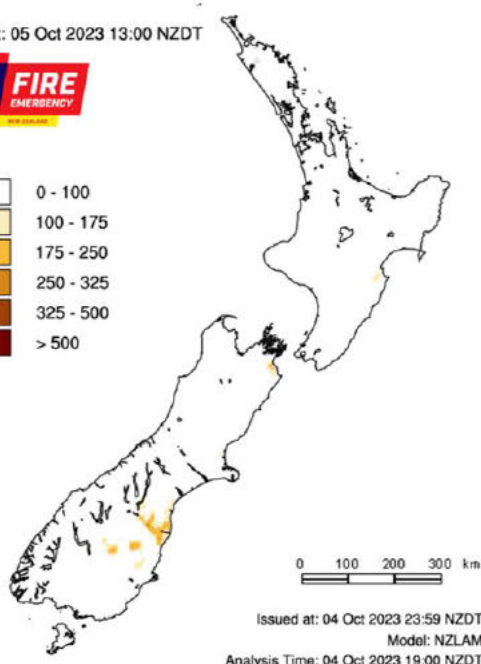
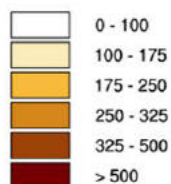
GNS Alert Levels guide visit: <https://www.geonet.org.nz/about/volcano/val>

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Fire and Drought Risk

Drought Code

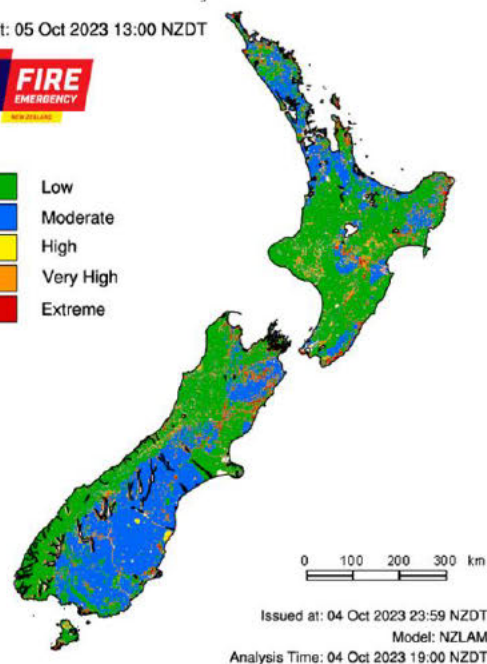
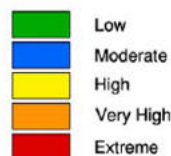
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Composite Fire Danger Class

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Other Events

Nothing to report.

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What's in a Magnitude?

You might have noticed in the minutes following an earthquake, the magnitude and its precise location may change. Usually these changes are slight, but for larger, more complex events like the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake, they could be more significant.

GeoNet

New Zealand experiences warmest September on record

New Zealand has seen its warmest September on record, data from the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) shows.

RNZ News

Victoria flood news: 'Move to higher ground': Flash flooding hits Victoria's east

Residents living near a rising river in Victoria's east have been told to evacuate immediately as widespread rain continues to hit the state. More than 150mm of rain has fallen in parts of Victoria's alpine areas, prompting a string of flood watch alerts for the Gippsland region.

9news

05/10/2023– Situation Report Week 4

As at 12.32pm 05/10/2023 prepared by Crispian [REDACTED]

Distributed to	All GEDT members
Key Contacts	Anusha Guler and Crispian [REDACTED] Martin is acting Chair.
Previous ELT SITREP	3 ELT Standup SITREPS 4 04102023 FINAL.docx
Overview	<p>Summary of the weekly event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance Voting starts today (02/10) • IMT stood up for MOJ criminal checks automation issue and immediately stood down. • At least 4 electorates actual ordinary votes results better than estimates (annexes)
Key Dates	Days to election day 9 days
After hours emergency contact number	<p>ELT ON CALL FOR TODAY – Anusha Guler</p> <p>In case of any emergency or any decision that you require from ELT after hours, please ring this number.</p> <p>Number to ring – [REDACTED]</p> <p>After hours - 5pm until 8.30am</p>
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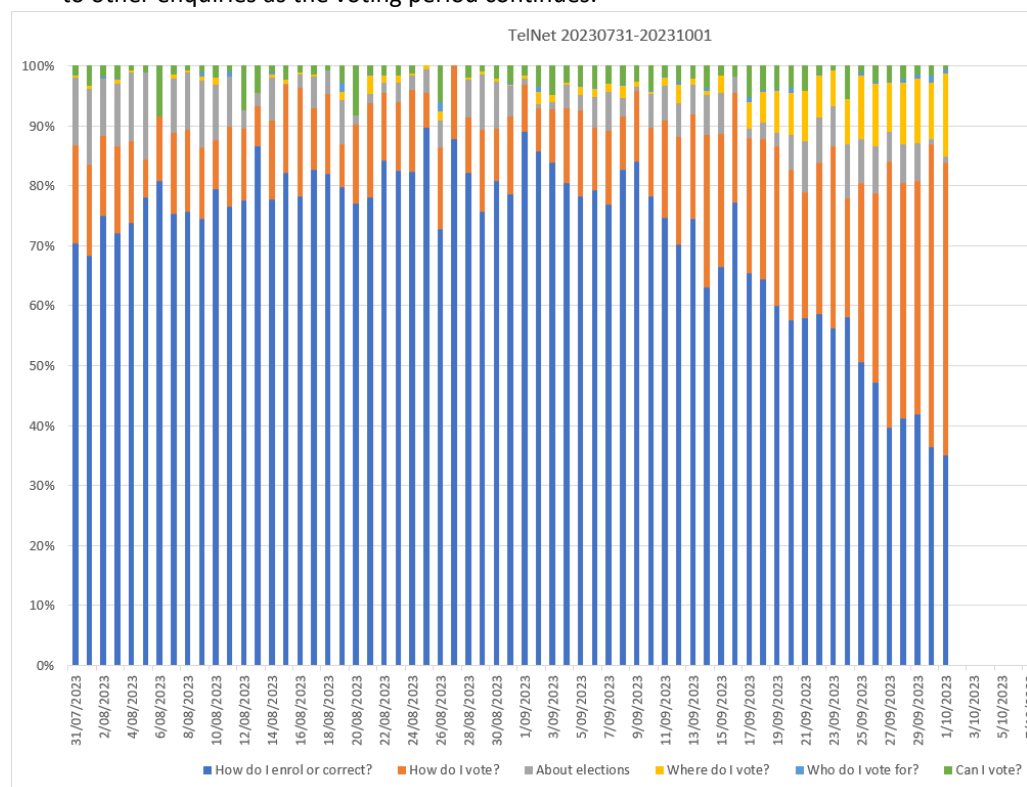
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- Since yesterday, the team had 688 tickets resolved, received 81 phone calls and made 20 outbound calls. 88% of tickets were resolved in one-touch. Telnet received 2,161 calls and 197 emails yesterday.
- The top enquiries were about EasyVote (18%), followed by Where to Vote questions (17%) and Update details (16%). 27% of the contacts were triggered by our website.
- There are 46 complaints on hand across the business units. No significant risk or issue to raise.

INSIGHTS (ANNEX):

Some analyses have been completed to understand the nature of call contacts received thus far, and a trend diagram is included in the Customers Enquiries section below. In summary,

- Since the end of August, there has been a significant increase in the percentage of “How do I vote?” contacts. This may be increased by people looking for information on EasyVote cards.
- While the enrolment related questions remain to be the main reason for contacting us, this was trending down since early September.
- New Zealanders have increasingly sought information on where they can vote since mid-September.
- Based on the forecast, it is expected each of these enquiries will continue to increase in proportion to other enquiries as the voting period continues.



Communications and Education

GENERAL UPDATE:

- EasyVote was a key focus yesterday with preparation of our media release and statement in the afternoon. All main outlets ran stories after comments made by party leaders on EasyVote.
- We declined all requests for interviews and instead went out with a short statement reiterating the process involved in producing the EasyVote pack.
- Morning news items included a number of third-party political commentators who reinforced the message that you can vote without an EasyVote card and in support of the Commission.
- A lot of other media requests including filming, focus on early voting numbers and kaupapa Māori voting places.
- On social media, people are still sharing their disappointment about EasyVote although this was at a more manageable level than the previous day.
- Someone has created some parody fan art based on the ‘I voted stickers’ for the Wellington Zine Fest. This was picked up in a story on stuff and has been circulating on social media.

Daily metrics

- 27 media enquiries

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 513 enquiries and comments on social media in the last 24 hours 98,331 visitors to vote.nz 												
Legal & Policy	<p>GENERAL UPDATE/ISSUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ Loyal High Court case – Crown Law is filing our statement of defence today. One misinformation matter escalated to Twitter earlier this week. Awaiting a decision on escalation of another matter on Facebook 												
Strategic Engagement and Partnership	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing concerns expressed across the country around recruitment into Voting Places (specifically not hearing back from the Commission). 												
Interagency Update	<p>MOJ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOJ secretary for Justice was contacted by the Public Service commission seeking assurance regarding the easy vote delays and plans to mitigate, particularly with respect to the three electorates. <p>Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 3rd October, a package of envelopes was delivered to MBIE’s CE. In the package were individual envelopes addressed to all of MBIE’s Deputy Secretaries and General Managers, with their office locations listed on the envelope, marked Private and Confidential. Envelopes contained a pamphlet with political propaganda (anti co-governance.) On 4th October, received query from TVNZ regarding staff receiving letters with anti co-governance information. The Election Commission provided a response to MBIE that the Commission does not have any jurisdiction regarding political debate. <p>NZ Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6(c)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6(c)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> 												
Security & Integrity	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <p>Field security incident reports received 5 October 2023</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Reported</th> <th>Resolved</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Voting Place Disruption</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mechanical</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five significant voting place disruptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [REDACTED] 6(c) Distraction theft at Lynn Mall Voting Place (VP). Staff member had personal phone stolen. Allied Security and RSRAs advised. Atrium on Elliot Voting Place (VP). Voter upset that party scrutineer was present. Took photos then left. Comms advised [REDACTED] 6(c) Bayfair Mall – Group of youths on scooters causing disturbance near Voting Place (VP). Access issues. Mt Albert Voting Place (VP) when closing had another community group turn up to use space. Mechanical – Pakuranga Plaza Mall Voting Place (VP) - Faulty appliance set off fire alarm. FENZ called <p>Additional trends:</p>	Type	Reported	Resolved	Voting Place Disruption	5	5	Access	1	1	Mechanical	1	1
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal reports of issues around use of Te Reo. Alternatively that there is no Te Reo spoken, and that there is too much use of Te Reo. • Reports of filming and photographs at Voting Places. Mostly by individuals creating content of themselves voting and not knowing Voting Place rules. Majority have readily complied with Voting Place staff requests to desist. No instances where it has escalated unduly so far.
People and Culture (P&C)	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingency workforce- There is a bit of nervousness that is they lose VPMs we might need to train more people. Also getting ELT behind the Community Liaison staff working as a contingency workforce. • The matter of the 25 employees in Wairarapa is confirmed to be a coffee time miscommunication. The conversation referred to an EC statement about the possibility that people may want to use employment as a way to disrupt the election.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	
Emerging events across the country	<p>In pictures: New aerial pictures show massive landslide in Gisborne</p> <p>In pictures: New aerial pictures show massive landslide in Gisborne Stuff.co.nz</p>
Severe Weather Outlook	No severe weather.
MetService Extended Forecast 2 -5 October	<p>Thursday</p> <p>North Island: Partly cloudy in the west. Fine elsewhere. South Island: Mainly fine. Scattered rain about Fiordland.</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>North Island: Fine in the east, but cloud increasing elsewhere, with late rain in the south. South Island: Rain developing in the west with possibly heavy falls. Cloud increasing elsewhere, with scattered rain developing in the south.</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>North Island: Occasional rain developing. South Island: Occasional rain or showers for most.</p> <p>Chatham Islands</p> <p>A few showers on Thursday with westerlies, then cloudy periods on Friday and Saturday with winds turning northerly.</p>

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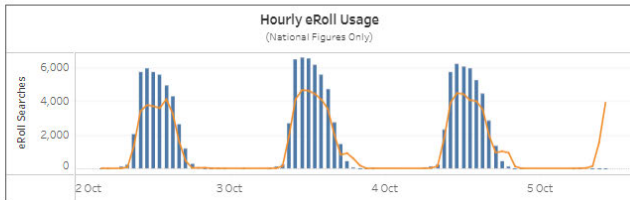
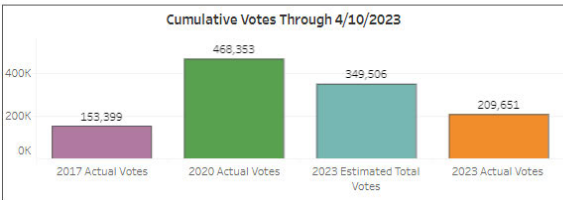
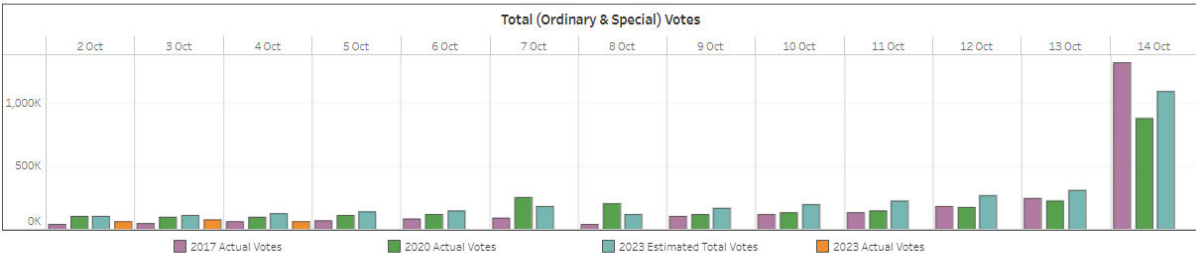
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Unit	Issue Severity	ACTION	DATE RAISED	WHO	DUE DAT	IMPACT	UPDATE/OUTCOME	DATE CLOSED
VS	HIGH	Issues with EASYVOTE for: 1. Mt Albert- and Epsom voting place 2. Te Tai Hauāuru candidate sheet found in Ikaroa-Rāwhiti electorate packs 3. Unsalvageable Te Atātū packs approx 700	29/09/23	Adele [REDACTED] PA VS		Reputational - high impact on all these 3 electorates as it will delay EAsyVotes cards to electors.	Ongoing progress to identify issues across all three electorates	

General Election 2023 Voting

General Electorate: (All) Show To Date Totals Through: Yesterday [Dashboard Help](#)

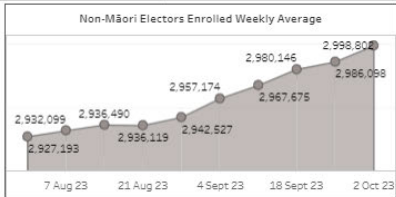
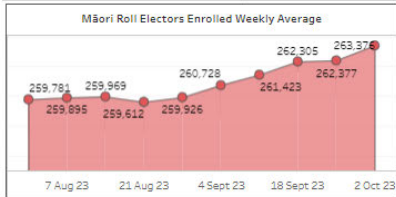
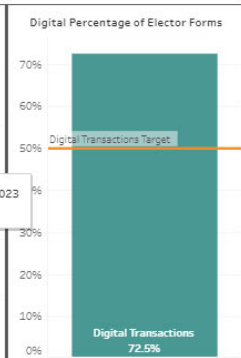
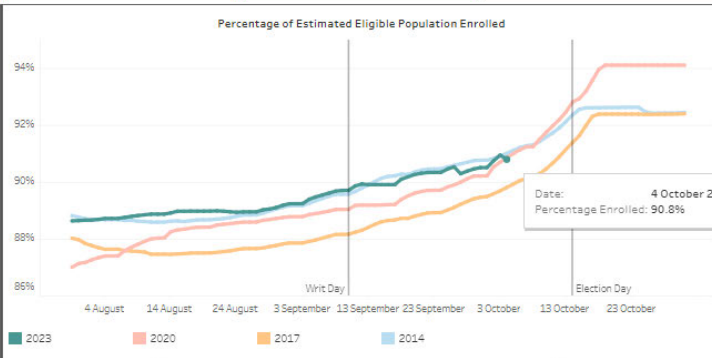
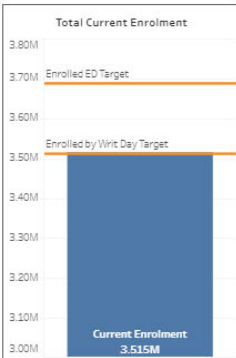
Total Actual Votes 209,651	2023 Total Estimated Votes 349,506	Total Ordinary Votes 184,911	Total Special Votes 24,740	Special Votes as % of Total 11.8%	Percent of Total Expected Votes Cast 7.51%	Total Enrolments 10,386	Total Takeaway Votes 1,323	Percent of VPs with Votes Entered 71%
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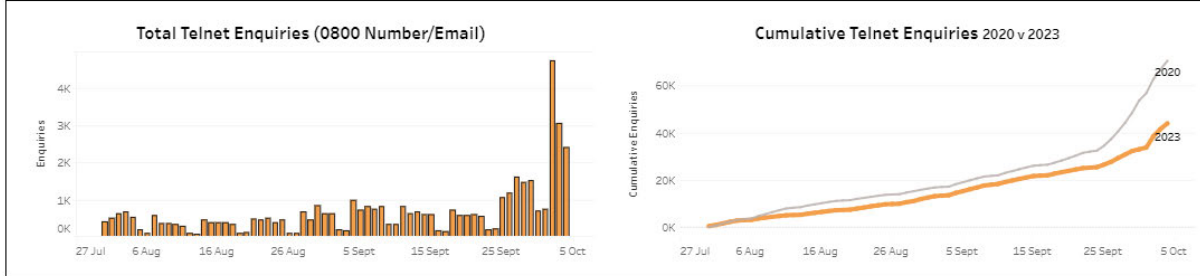
General Election 2023 Enrolment Campaign

Total Enrolled 3,515,034	Enrolment Change From July 31 83,583	Total Enrolled 18-29 Year Olds 75.4%	Transactions Processed 694,293	Elector Initiated Forms Processed 518,264
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Customer Enquiries

Level 1: Telnet / 0800 Number 0800 Number Calls answered since 31 Jul 2023: 36,378 Emails received since 31 Jul 2023: 4,834		Level 2: Customer Services Team Tickets Closed Since 31 Jul 2023: 12,668 Current Open Tickets: 296		Level 3: Unpublished Team Only Tickets Closed Since 31 Jul 23: 3,718 Current Open Tickets: 258		Level 3: Subject Matter Experts Tickets Closed Since 31 Jul 23: 1,209 Current Open Tickets: 81	
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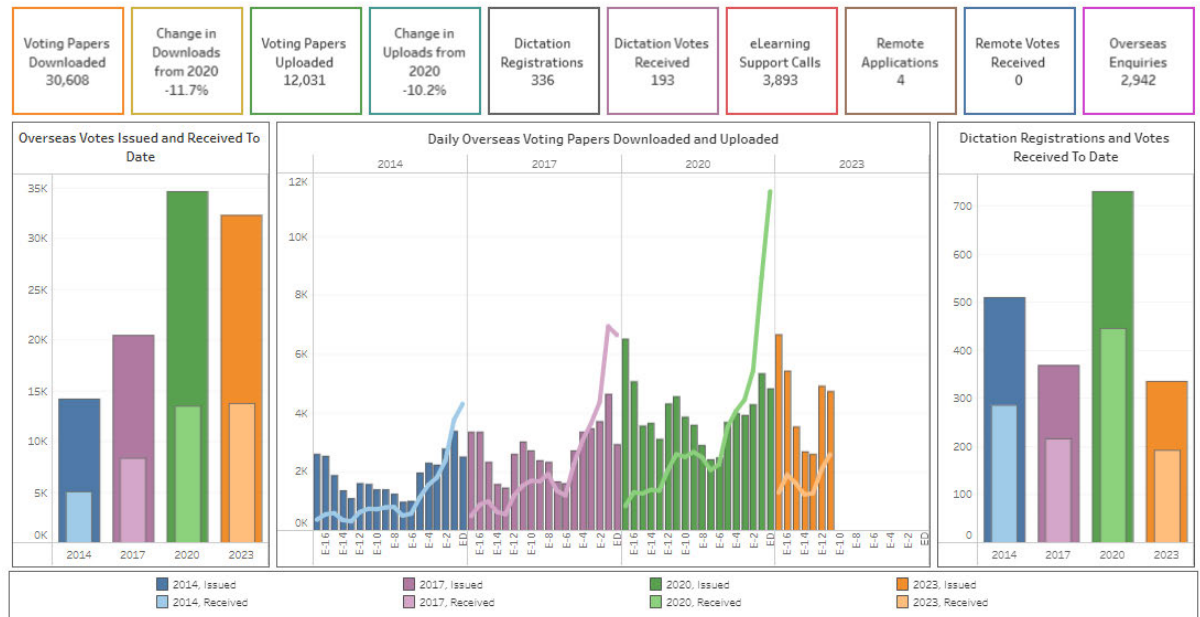


Enquiries over Time											View Enquiries/Complaints		Top Enquiry Types Last 7 days	
Grouped by Week											Handled by National Office Staff		Thu 28 Sept 2023 - Wed 4 Oct 2023	
	31 Jul	7 Aug	14 Aug	21 Aug	28 Aug	4 Sept	11 Sept	18 Sept	25 Sept	2 Oct				
Enquiries Team	808	823	827	925	1,237	1,835	1,371	1,219	2,063	1,856	Enquiries	2,141	55%	
Enrolment	523	525	763	476	394	566	350	371	428	301	2	Voting in an Election	1,016	26%
Legal & Policy	13	24	10	13	13	23	23	30	29	26	3	General enquiries	576	15%
Overseas	5	7	7	11	7	19	14	22	49	24	4	Voting from overseas	110	3%
Communications	7	8	5	18	17	16	16	15	10	15	5	Information for parties and candidates	22	1%
Voting Services	1	2		1	2	4	5	7	8	41				
CE's Office	1													

Overseas, Dictation

Overseas, Dictation, and Remote Voting and e-Learning Support

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	<p>Day voting place staff.</p> <p>Election Integrity Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team is meeting with Karl to go through the action points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide communication back to the organisers that can also be used by field staff Provide field staff with clarity on the provisions in the Scrutineer’s Handbook e.g qualifications of scrutineers, their role, permitted and non-permitted activities Joining the regular meetings tomorrow that are taking place with Electorate Managers to talk through the provisions and any questions The key challenge is around these groups believing other sources of information and not being willing to accept what they are told by Commission staff.
Chief Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chief Executive conveyed the words of appreciation and thanks from the Chair and Board to staff on their work delivering the General Election that is going smoothly as expected. The Chief Electoral Officer is working closely with interested stakeholders regarding the concerns around EasyVotes packs Big focus after the election is to report back to Parliament on this issue and the process undertaken.
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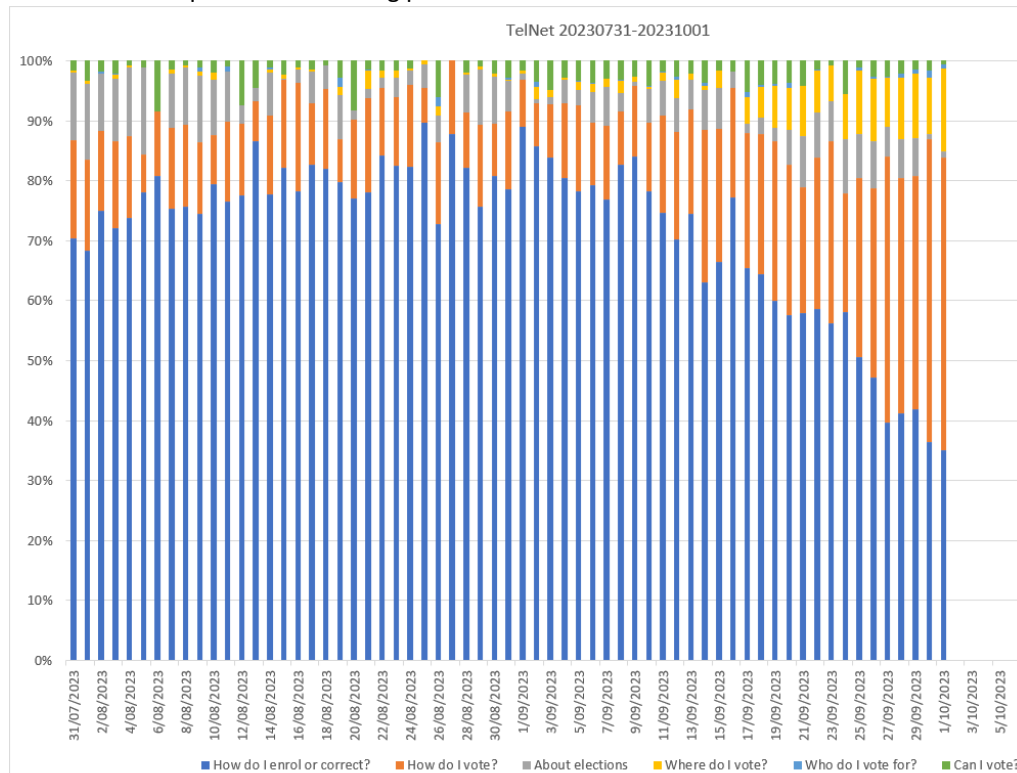
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- The top enquiries were about EasyVote (18%), followed by Where to Vote questions (17%) and Update details (16%). 27% of the contacts were triggered by our website.
- There are 46 complaints on hand across the business units. No significant risk or issue to raise.

INSIGHTS (ANNEX):

Some analyses have been completed to understand the nature of call contacts received thus far, and a trend diagram is included in the Customers Enquiries section below. In summary,

- Since the end of August, there has been a significant increase in the percentage of “How do I vote?” contacts. This may be increased by people looking for information on EasyVote cards.
- While the enrolment related questions remain to be the main reason for contacting us, this was trending down since early September.
- New Zealanders have increasingly sought information on where they can vote since mid-September.
- Based on the forecast, it is expected each of these enquiries will continue to increase in proportion to other enquiries as the voting period continues.



Communications and Education

GENERAL UPDATE:

- EasyVote was a key focus yesterday with preparation of our media release and statement in the afternoon. All main outlets ran stories after comments made by party leaders on EasyVote.
- We declined all requests for interviews and instead went out with a short statement reiterating the process involved in producing the EasyVote pack.
- Morning news items included a number of third-party political commentators who reinforced the message that you can vote without an EasyVote card and in support of the Commission.
- A lot of other media requests including filming, focus on early voting numbers and kaupapa Māori voting places.
- On social media, people are still sharing their disappointment about EasyVote although this was at a

	<p>more manageable level than the previous day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Someone has created some parody fan art based on the 'I voted stickers' for the Wellington Zine Fest. This was picked up in a story on stuff and has been circulating on social media. <p>Daily metrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 media enquiries 513 enquiries and comments on social media in the last 24 hours 98,331 visitors to vote.nz 												
Legal & Policy	<p>GENERAL UPDATE/ISSUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ Loyal High Court case – Crown Law is filing our statement of defence today. One misinformation matter escalated to Twitter earlier this week. Awaiting a decision on escalation of another matter on Facebook 												
Strategic Engagement and Partnership	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing concerns expressed across the country around recruitment into Voting Places (specifically not hearing back from the Commission). 												
Interagency Update	<p>MOJ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOJ secretary for Justice was contacted by the Public Service commission seeking assurance regarding the easy vote delays and plans to mitigate, particularly with respect to the three electorates. <p>Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 3rd October, a package of envelopes was delivered to MBIE's Chief Executive. In the package were individual envelopes addressed to all of MBIE's Deputy Secretaries and General Managers, with their office locations listed on the envelope, marked Private and Confidential. Envelopes contained a pamphlet with political propaganda (anti co-governance.) On 4th October, received query from TVNZ regarding staff receiving letters with anti co-governance information. The Election Commission provided a response to MBIE that the Commission does not have any jurisdiction regarding political debate. <p>NZ Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> █ [REDACTED] 6(c) █ [REDACTED] 6(c) 												
Security & Integrity	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <p>Field security incident reports received 5 October 2023</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="347 1529 1492 1700"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Reported</th> <th>Resolved</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Voting Place Disruption</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mechanical</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five significant voting place disruptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [REDACTED] 6(c) ○ Distraction theft at Lynn Mall Voting Place (VP). Staff member had personal phone stolen. Allied Security and RSRAs advised. ○ Atrium on Elliot Voting Place (VP). Voter upset that party scrutineer was present. Took photos then left. Comms advised ○ [REDACTED] 6(c) 	Type	Reported	Resolved	Voting Place Disruption	5	5	Access	1	1	Mechanical	1	1
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bayfair Mall – Group of youths on scooters causing disturbance near Voting Place (VP). ● Access issues. Mt Albert Voting Place (VP) when closing had another community group turn up to use space. ● Mechanical – Pakuranga Plaza Mall Voting Place (VP) - Faulty appliance set off fire alarm. FENZ called ● These incidents are isolated incidents and are not premeditated, coordinated or targeted at the Commission. <p>Additional trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Verbal reports of issues around use of Te Reo. Alternatively that there is no Te Reo spoken, and that there is too much use of Te Reo. ● Reports of filming and photographs at Voting Places. Mostly by individuals creating content of themselves voting and not knowing Voting Place rules. Majority have readily complied with Voting Place staff requests to desist. No instances where it has escalated unduly so far.
People and Culture (P&C)	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contingency workforce- There is a bit of nervousness around losing Voting Place Managers (VPMs) e might need to train more people. Also getting Executive Leadership Team ELT behind the Community Liaison staff working as a contingency workforce. ● The matter of the 25 employees in Wairarapa is confirmed to be a coffee time miscommunication. The conversation referred to an Electoral Commission statement about the possibility that people may want to use employment as a way to disrupt the election.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	
Emerging events across the country	<p>In pictures: New aerial pictures show massive landslide in Gisborne</p> <p>In pictures: New aerial pictures show massive landslide in Gisborne Stuff.co.nz</p>
Severe Weather Outlook	No severe weather.
MetService Extended Forecast 2 -5 October	<p>Thursday</p> <p>North Island: Partly cloudy in the west. Fine elsewhere. South Island: Mainly fine. Scattered rain about Fiordland.</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>North Island: Fine in the east, but cloud increasing elsewhere, with late rain in the south. South Island: Rain developing in the west with possibly heavy falls. Cloud increasing elsewhere, with scattered rain developing in the south.</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>North Island: Occasional rain developing. South Island: Occasional rain or showers for most.</p> <p>Chatham Islands</p> <p>A few showers on Thursday with westerlies, then cloudy periods on Friday and Saturday with winds turning northerly.</p>

ACTION REGISTER LOG

OPEN

Unit	Issue Severity	ACTION	DATE RAISED	WHO	DUE DAT	IMPACT	UPDATE/OUTCOME	DATE CLOSED
VS	HIGH	Issues with EASYVOTE for: 1. Mt Albert- and Epsom voting place 2. Te Tai Hauāuru candidate sheet found in Ikaroa-Rāwhiti electorate packs 3. Unsalvageable Te Atātū packs approx 700	29/09/23	Adele [REDACTED]	NA VS	Reputational - high impact on all these 3 electorates as it will delay EAsyVotes cards to electors.	Ongoing progress to identify issues across all three electorates	



DAILY INTERAGENCY REPORT TO GEDT

Submitted daily not later than 11am.

Date: 5 October 2023

DPMC:

NSTR

NZ Police:

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NEMA (Daily Intelligence Briefing attached):

NSTR

GCSB:

NSTR

NZSIS:

Reporting via the JIG

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MoH:

NSTR

Waka Kotahi:

<https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/highway-conditions/traffic-and-travel-list-view/>

NSTR

MFAT:

NSTR

Moj:

Moj Secretary for Justice contacted by the Public Service Commission seeking assurances regarding the easy vote delays and plans to mitigate, particularly with respect to the three electorates.

FENZ:

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MPI:

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MBIE:

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The Executive Assistant and the Chief Advisor to the Chief Executive asked for the advice of our Chief Legal Officer.

At this point, the envelopes have not been distributed and are still held by the Chief Executive's office.

On 4 Oct, a query was received from TVNZ asking "Can we please request a comment from MBIE around staff receiving letters with anti co-governance information?"

MBIE are currently considering a response to the query.

Response from EC (to MBIE): The Commission doesn't have any jurisdiction regarding political debate. Hence wouldn't appropriate to comment or provide media/comms messaging support.

Comment from MBIE this morning:

As per yesterday afternoon's update provided, we will be responding to a query that was received from TVNZ asking "Can we please request a comment from MBIE around staff receiving letters with anti co-governance information?"

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