

17 February 2017

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Dear Tom

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2017/003

I refer to your email of 7 February 2017 to the Electoral Commission in which you requested information, under the Official Information Act 1982 ('the Act'), relating to the direct costs making up the total cost of each of the past 4 general elections, including a breakdown to include polling station related costs and postal costs as separate values.

On 14 February 2017 you clarified you do not require electorate headquarter and polling place costs to be provided separately and confirmed you would like postal costs for postal and stationery costs of EasyVote packs as well as any enrolment update campaign postal and stationery costs, where possible by region. You also asked for the postal ballot stationery and postage costs for the local body elections.

The following table provides a breakdown of the costs requested for the general elections from 2005 to 2014.

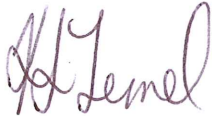
Item	Undertaken by:	Cost of:	2005 \$000	2008 \$000	2011 \$000	2014 \$000
Properties – HQ and polling places	Chief Electoral Office (2005,2008) and Electoral Commission (2011 and 2014)	Lease costs	2,109	4,725	5,408	5,795
EasyVote packs	NZPost Enrolment Services	Postage/Printing/Mailhouse	1,885	1,677	1,719	1,912
Total direct conduct costs for the election over 3 year cycle			24,449	30,405	32,543	35,394
General election enrolment update campaign	NZPost Enrolment Services	Postage/Printing/Mailhouse	1,524	1,549	1,797	1,813
Local authority enrolment update campaign	NZPost Enrolment Services	Postage/Printing/Mailhouse	1,479	1,566	1,738	1,799

The Electoral Commission does not have a breakdown of the enrolment campaign costs by region.

The Electoral Commission is not responsible for postal ballot stationery or postage costs for local authority elections. Local Councils have the statutory responsibility for the conduct of local authority elections.

I trust this answers your request. You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'K. Temel'.

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