

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/11

On 20 April 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

1. *How many people are currently on the unpublished electoral roll?*
2. *How many people were on the unpublished electoral roll at the time of the 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, and 2020 general elections?*
3. *What are the top five occupations of those on the unpublished electoral roll?*
4. *What are the top five reasons people give, when going onto the unpublished electoral roll?*

In response to the above questions:

1. As of 27 April 2023 there are 24,786 electors on the Unpublished Roll.
2. The table below details the number of electors on the Unpublished Roll, on Election Day for the 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017 and 2020 General Elections.

Date (polling day roll closure)	Unpublished
11/11/2008	13,700
29/11/2011	15,607
23/09/2014	16,915
27/09/2017	19,902
23/10/2020	24,010

3. The table below details the top 5 occupations of electors on the Unpublished Roll.

Occupation	Electors
Police Officer	2,288
Retired	1,109
Social Worker	907
Student	784
Public Servant	646

There are currently 2,170 Unpublished records where no occupation is stated.

4. An elector is registered on the Unpublished Roll when they have satisfied the Chief Electoral Officer that their personal safety, or the safety of their family, is at risk by staying on the published roll.

While the reasons and evidence provided as to why an elector believes their safety, or that of their family, is at risk are a critical component of the Unpublished Roll application process we do not record these reasons on the electronic register itself. We are unable to provide the top five reasons without going through the paper applications of all current electors on the Unpublished Roll.

We can however provide you with common reasons for going on the Roll because of concerns for the person's safety or that of their family. They include situations where protection, non-molestation, and trespass court orders have been issued, and the risks inherent in a person's occupation, for example police and corrections officers.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

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 request. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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