

23 August 2023

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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/40**

On Monday 21 August 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*...regarding the political donation of \$62,000 from Oregon Group Limited, which was received by the New Zealand National Party on the 8th August 2023.*

*Could you please advise:*

- 1. Is this donation considered to be a donation from an overseas donor?*
- 2. If it is considered to be from an overseas donor, has the extra amount of \$61,950 (over and above the allowed \$50 limit from overseas donors) been either returned to the donor or passed onto the Electoral Commission?*
- 3. If it is not considered to be from an overseas donor, are you able to provide clarity around why Oregon Group Limited is not considered to be an overseas donor?*

For the purposes of the overseas donations rules, an overseas person means:

- (a) an individual who—
  - (i) resides outside New Zealand; and
  - (ii) is not a New Zealand citizen or registered as an elector; or
- (b) a body corporate incorporated outside New Zealand; or
- (c) an unincorporated body that has its head office or principal place of business outside New Zealand (section 207, Electoral Act 1993)

[Oregon Group Limited](#) is a registered New Zealand company and its donation to the National Party is therefore not considered to be an overseas donation.

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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