

10 September 2021

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2021/34

Thank you for your request of 7 September 2021 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

Copies of all the decisions of the Electoral Commission, regarding applications for public money for funding election programmes and election advertising, made by political parties, in relation to the 2020 general election.

Each election year, Parliament appropriates an amount of money to enable political parties to fund their broadcasting of election programmes and election advertising for the election. The Electoral Commission is responsible for allocating that money to eligible parties. The process for determining the broadcasting allocation is set out in the Part 6 of the Broadcasting Act 1989.

The Commission commenced the broadcasting allocation process for the 2020 General Election in February 2020. The Commission released its decision on the broadcasting allocation on 29 May 2020. This decision is attached and available on the Commission's website [here](#).

Section 80 of the Broadcasting Act gives the Commission power to vary its original allocation of money to political parties under specific circumstances. On 9 September 2020, the Commission determined to make a variation to its broadcasting allocation decision of 29 May 2020. This variation decision is attached and available on the Commission's website [here](#).

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every three 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 or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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