

31 May 2022

By email to: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2022/15

Thank you for your request of 4 May 2022 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) as follows:

“Could you possibly supply me with any available results for the Kids Voting – Te Pōti a Ngā Tamariki programme from the 2020 General Election, by each school.

This data includes the number of votes for each party or candidate, for each school.”

I have attached a copy of the combined 2020 Kids Voting results available which are based on the results of 339 out of the 1034 schools that took part and that shared their results with the Commission.

Individual school-level results for Kids Voting are withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) which protects information subject to an obligation of confidence where there is a public interest in its continued supply.

As part of the material provided to schools, the Electoral Commission gives an undertaking that individual results will not be published. The Commission considers it is in the public interest that Kids Voting, a programme that simulates elections for children, can produce a ‘national’ result based on as many results as possible. The Commission is concerned that further schools would be unwilling to share their results with us in future if individual results were to be released publicly. 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 or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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