

From: Joe [redacted]
To: Clare [redacted], Martin [redacted], Adele [redacted]
Cc: Sarah [redacted]
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY Unusual voting place result
Date: Monday, 6 November 2023 5:21:20 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

It seems that the numbers have been transposed LBP = 0 , Nat = 505



Cheers'joe

From: Clare [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 4:24 PM
To: Martin [redacted] <[redacted]>; Adele [redacted] <[redacted]>; Joe [redacted] <[redacted]>
Subject: MEDIA ENQUIRY Unusual voting place result

Hi team

See below – we have an enquiry from the Herald’s data journalist about a voting place result in the xml feed – are we able to look into this please? They have asked for a response by 6pm, I said I wasn’t sure we could get back to them by then.

Thank you,

Clare

From: Chris Knox <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 4:17 PM
To: Media Enquiries <[redacted]>
Cc: Sam Hurley <[redacted]>
Subject: Unusual voting place result

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Kia ora,

I have been looking at polling place results in the xml feed and have noticed a surprising result. At the polling place located at Pukekohe intermediate in the Port Waikato electorate the largest number of party votes (505) were cast for the Leighton Baker Party, followed by Labour (297), and there are no votes reported for the National party.

The xml file is this one https://electionresults.govt.nz/electionresults_2023/xml/e39/votingplaces/39-39034.xml

Can you confirm if this is correct? If it isn't correct is this an error in the xml files or is it an error elsewhere?

We would like to file a story on this today so if it possible to reply by 6pm that would be great.

Ngā mihi,

CHRIS KNOX
Head of newsroom data | NZ Herald
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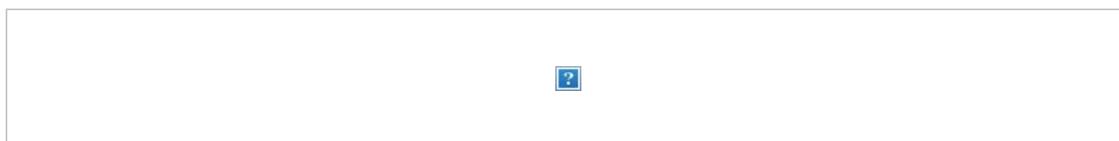
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From: John [REDACTED]
To: Adele [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Pukekohe Intermediate
Date: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 9:41:33 am
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

I've looked at the EMS82-CERT today & it should be 0 for Leighton Baker Party & 505 for National Party. The 0 was missed on the Leighton Baker Party & that put everyone else out of whack.

We were just looking at the total votes to see if they balanced, and if they did, we signed the Cert off. We were not looking at the Party votes across the top line

John [REDACTED] | Electorate Manager, Port Waikato, Auckland South |
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From: Adele [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 4:34 PM
To: John [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Pukekohe Intermediate
Importance: High

Kia ora John

We've just noticed a potential issue with Pukekohe Intermediate.

Can you please confirm that the 505 votes entered into the Leighton Baker Party's line are for the National Party?

Ngā mihi



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From: [Corina](#) [REDACTED]
To: [Adele](#) [REDACTED], [Hamish](#) [REDACTED]
Cc: [Anne](#) [REDACTED], [Emma](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Data Entry Issue
Date: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 11:25:18 am
Attachments: [65-110 ED Wolfbrook Arena EMS-81WKSHEETS and EMS82-CERTs.pdf](#)
[65-110 AV1 Wolfbrook Arena EMS-81WKSHEETS and EMS82-CERT.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Mōrena anō Adele

Please find the EMS-81's and EMS82's attached for Wolfbrook – there were two phases (AV1 and ED) so there are two sets of paperwork attached

Ngā mihi

Corina

Corina [REDACTED] ([she/her](#)) | Logistics & Supplies Manager – Ilam | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri | | Christchurch | [REDACTED] | [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)

From: Adele [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Corina [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Hamish [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Emma [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Data Entry Issue

Kia ora Corina

Thank you for that – appreciate your help and support everyone.

Ngā mihi

Adele

From: Corina [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Adele [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Hamish [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Emma [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Data Entry Issue

Mōrena Adele

I will be in the office in about an hour so will get those to you asap

Ngā mihi

Corina

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From: Adele [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:50:25 AM
To: Hamish [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Corina [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Emma [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Data Entry Issue

Kia ora Hamish and Corina

Unfortunately it looks like there was a data entry issue with the following voting place:

- Wolfbrook Arena in Addington

Can you please send me the following for this count?

- Hand-completed EMS81-WKSHEET
- EM81-WKSHEET once entered into EMS

Signed EMS82-CERT for the counts

We just need to take a look at the information and confirm the correct data , prior to potentially doing any updates on it. If you can get these to me ASAP, I'd be very grateful.

Ngā mihi

Adele

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EMS81-WKSHEET Headquarters Official Count Worksheet

Voting Place	65-110 Wolfbrook Arena (formerly Christchurch Arena), last door beyond Cafe, 55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington	Ballot Papers Used (from Form G)	40
		Minus Post-writ Transfers	
Electorate for these Ballot Papers	Ilam (AV1)	Total Ballot Papers Used (No. of ballot papers minus post-writ transfers)	46
		Minus Ordinary Votes Disallowed (Post-writ deletions and dual votes)	
		Minus Spoilt Ballot Papers (from Form G)	1
		Total Votes	45

Party	ACT New Zealand	Animal Justice Party	Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	DemocracyNZ	Freedoms NZ	Green Party	Labour Party	Leighton Baker Party	National Party	New Conservatives	New Nation Party	New Zealand First Party	New Zealand Loyal	NewZeal	Te Pāti Māori	The Opportunities Party (TOP)	Women's Rights Party	Informal Votes	TOTALS	
Party Votes	1	0	0	0	0	3	13	0	22	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	45	
BRITNELL, Irinka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BRITNELL, Irinka
CAMPBELL, Hamish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	CAMPBELL, Hamish
DAVIDSON, Mike	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	DAVIDSON, Mike
MANJI, Raf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	10	MANJI, Raf
O'BRIEN, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O'BRIEN, Chris
O'CONNELL, Juanita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O'CONNELL, Juanita
PALLET, Sarah	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	PALLET, Sarah
Informal Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Informal Votes
Candidate Vote Totals	1	0	0	0	0	3	13	0	22	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	45	Candidate Vote Totals
Difference To Party Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

EMS81-WKSHEET Headquarters Official Count Worksheet

Voting Place	65-110 Wolfbrook Arena (formerly Christchurch Arena), last door beyond Cafe, 55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington	Ballot Papers Used (from Form G)	46
		Minus Post-writ Transfers	
Electorate for these Ballot Papers	Ilam (AV1)	Total Ballot Papers Used (No. of ballot papers minus post-writ transfers)	46
		Minus Ordinary Votes Disallowed (Post-writ deletions and dual votes)	0
		Minus Spoilt Ballot Papers (from Form G)	1
		Total Votes	45

Party	ACT New Zealand	Animal Justice Party	Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	DemocracyNZ	Freedoms NZ	Green Party	Labour Party	Leighton Baker Party	National Party	New Conservatives	New Nation Party	New Zealand First Party	New Zealand Loyal	NewZeal	Te Pāti Māori	The Opportunities Party (TOP)	Women's Rights Party	Informal Votes	TOTALS	
Party Votes	1	0	0	0	0	3	13	0	22	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	45	
BRITNELL, Irinka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BRITNELL, Irinka
CAMPBELL, Hamish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	CAMPBELL, Hamish
DAVIDSON, Mike	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	DAVIDSON, Mike
MANJI, Raf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	MANJI, Raf
O'BRIEN, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O'BRIEN, Chris
O'CONNELL, Juanita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O'CONNELL, Juanita
PALLET, Sarah	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	PALLET, Sarah
Informal Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Informal Votes
Candidate Vote Totals	1	0	0	0	0	3	13	0	22	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	45	Candidate Vote Totals
Difference To Party Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

EMS82-CERT Official Count Voting Place Results Certificate

Voting Place Name and Number	65-110 Wolfbrook Arena (formerly Christchurch Arena), last door beyond Cafe, 55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington
Electorate for these Ballot Papers	Ilam (AV1)

Number of ballot papers used	46
Ordinary votes disallowed	0
Spoilt ballot papers	1
Ballot papers issued & not returned	0

Electoral Candidate Votes				
BRITNELL, Irinka				0
CAMPBELL, Hamish			1	8
DAVIDSON, Mike				3
MANJI, Raf			1	0
O'BRIEN, Chris				0
O'CONNELL, Juanita				0
PALLETT, Sarah			1	4
Candidate Informal Votes				0
Total Candidate Votes			4	5

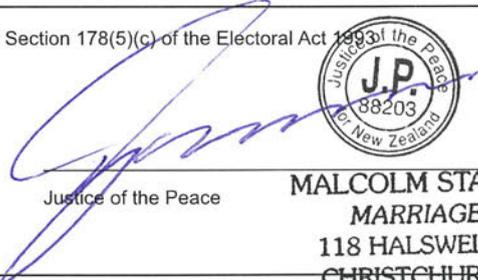
Party Votes				
ACT New Zealand				1
Animal Justice Party				0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party				0
DemocracyNZ				0
Freedoms NZ				0
Green Party				3
Labour Party			1	3
Leighton Baker Party				0
National Party			2	2
New Conservatives				0
New Nation Party				0
New Zealand First Party				3
New Zealand Loyal				0
NewZeal				0
Te Pāti Māori				0
The Opportunities Party (TOP)				3
Women's Rights Party				0
Party Informal Votes				0
Total Party Votes			4	5

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Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

EMS81-WKSHEET Headquarters Official Count Worksheet

Voting Place	65-110 Wolfbrook Arena (formerly Christchurch Arena), last door beyond Cafe, 55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington	Ballot Papers Used (from Form G)	42
		Minus Post-writ Transfers	
Electorate for these Ballot Papers	Ilam (ED)	Total Ballot Papers Used (No. of ballot papers minus post-writ transfers)	42
		Minus Ordinary Votes Disallowed (Post-writ deletions and dual votes)	
		Minus Spoilt Ballot Papers (from Form G)	1
		Total Votes	41

Party	ACT New Zealand	Animal Justice Party	Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	DemocracyNZ	Freedoms NZ	Green Party	Labour Party	Leighton Baker Party	National Party	New Conservatives	New Nation Party	New Zealand First Party	New Zealand Loyal	NewZeal	Te Pāti Māori	The Opportunities Party (TOP)	Women's Rights Party	Informal Votes	TOTALS	
Party Votes	5	0	0	0	0	5	8	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	41	
BRITNELL, Irinka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BRITNELL, Irinka
CAMPBELL, Hamish	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	CAMPBELL, Hamish
DAVIDSON, Mike	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	DAVIDSON, Mike
MANJI, Raf	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	11	MANJI, Raf
O'BRIEN, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	O'BRIEN, Chris
O'CONNELL, Juanita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O'CONNELL, Juanita
PALLET, Sarah	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	PALLET, Sarah
Informal Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Informal Votes
Candidate Vote Totals	5	0	0	0	0	3	8	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	Candidate Vote Totals
Difference To Party Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Electorate for these Ballot Papers	Ilam (ED)	Total Ballot Papers Used (No. of ballot papers minus post-writ transfers)	42 41
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		Minus Spoilt Ballot Papers (from Form G)	1
		Total Votes	41 40

Party	ACT New Zealand	Animal Justice Party	Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	DemocracyNZ	Freedoms NZ	Green Party	Labour Party	Leighton Baker Party	National Party	New Conservatives	New Nation Party	New Zealand First Party	New Zealand Loyal	NewZeal	Te Pāti Māori	The Opportunities Party (TOP)	Women's Rights Party	Informal Votes	TOTALS	
Party Votes	4 5	0	0	0	5	8	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	40 41	
BRITNELL, Irinka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BRITNELL, Irinka
CAMPBELL, Hamish	3 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16 17	CAMPBELL, Hamish
DAVIDSON, Mike	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	DAVIDSON, Mike
MANJI, Raf	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	11	MANJI, Raf
O'BRIEN, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	O'BRIEN, Chris
O'CONNELL, Juanita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O'CONNELL, Juanita
PALLET, Sarah	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	PALLET, Sarah
Informal Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Informal Votes
Candidate Vote Totals	4 5	0	0	0	5	8	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	40 41	Candidate Vote Totals
Difference To Party Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

EMS82-CERT Official Count Voting Place Results Certificate

Voting Place Name and Number	65-110 Wolfbrook Arena (formerly Christchurch Arena), last door beyond Cafe, 55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington
Electorate for these Ballot Papers	Ilam (ED)

Number of ballot papers used	42
Ordinary votes disallowed	0
Spoilt ballot papers	1
Ballot papers issued & not returned	0

Electoral Candidate Votes				
BRITNELL, Irinka				0
CAMPBELL, Hamish			1	7
DAVIDSON, Mike				4
MANJI, Raf			1	1
O'BRIEN, Chris				1
O'CONNELL, Juanita				0
PALLETT, Sarah				8
Candidate Informal Votes				0
Total Candidate Votes			4	1

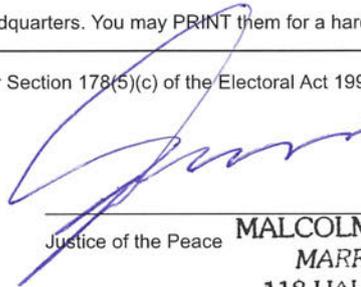
Party Votes				
ACT New Zealand				5
Animal Justice Party				0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party				0
DemocracyNZ				0
Freedoms NZ				5
Green Party				8
Labour Party				1
Leighton Baker Party			1	8
National Party				0
New Conservatives				0
New Nation Party				0
New Zealand First Party				0
New Zealand Loyal				0
NewZeal				0
Te Pāti Māori				0
The Opportunities Party (TOP)				4
Women's Rights Party				0
Party Informal Votes				0
Total Party Votes			4	1

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		Minus Ordinary Votes Disallowed (Post-writ deletions and dual votes)	0
		Minus Spoilt Ballot Papers (from Form G)	1
		Total Votes	40

Party	ACT New Zealand	Animal Justice Party	Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	DemocracyNZ	Freedoms NZ	Green Party	Labour Party	Leighton Baker Party	National Party	New Conservatives	New Nation Party	New Zealand First Party	New Zealand Loyal	NewZeal	Te Pāti Māori	The Opportunities Party (TOP)	Women's Rights Party	Informal Votes	TOTALS	
Party Votes	4	0	0	0	5	8	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	40	
BRITNELL, Irinka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BRITNELL, Irinka
CAMPBELL, Hamish	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	CAMPBELL, Hamish
DAVIDSON, Mike	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	DAVIDSON, Mike
MANJI, Raf	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	11	MANJI, Raf
O'BRIEN, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	O'BRIEN, Chris
O'CONNELL, Juanita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O'CONNELL, Juanita
PALLET, Sarah	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	PALLET, Sarah
Informal Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Informal Votes
Candidate Vote Totals	4	0	0	0	5	8	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	40	Candidate Vote Totals
Difference To Party Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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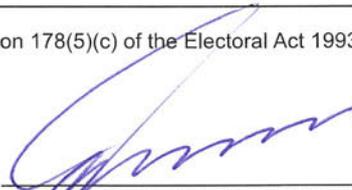
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Spoilt ballot papers	1
Ballot papers issued & not returned	0

Electoral Candidate Votes				
BRITNELL, Irinka				0
CAMPBELL, Hamish			1	6
DAVIDSON, Mike				4
MANJI, Raf			1	1
O'BRIEN, Chris				1
O'CONNELL, Juanita				0
PALLETT, Sarah				8
Candidate Informal Votes				0
Total Candidate Votes			4	0

Party Votes				
ACT New Zealand				4
Animal Justice Party				0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party				0
DemocracyNZ				0
Freedoms NZ				5
Green Party				8
Labour Party				1
Leighton Baker Party			1	8
National Party				0
New Conservatives				0
New Nation Party				0
New Zealand First Party				0
New Zealand Loyal				0
NewZeal				0
Te Pāti Māori				0
The Opportunities Party (TOP)				4
Women's Rights Party				0
Party Informal Votes				0
Total Party Votes			4	0

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From: [John \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Adele \[REDACTED\]](#)
Cc: [Jeremy \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: RE: Data Entry Issues
Date: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 10:28:38 am
Attachments: [EMS82-CERT.pdf](#)
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Attached

John [REDACTED] | Electorate Manager, Port Waikato, Auckland South |
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From: Adele [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:43 AM
To: John [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Jeremy [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Data Entry Issues

Kia ora John

Just following up on my Teams message, unfortunately it looks like there were data entry issues with the following to voting places:

- Pukekohe Intermediate
- Karaka Pavilion, NZ Bloodstock Centre

Can you please send me the following for these two counts?

- hand-completed EMS81-WKSHEETS
- EM81-WKSHEET once entered into EMS
- signed EMS82-CERT for both of these counts

We just need to take a look at the information and confirm the correct count, prior to potentially doing any updates on it. If you can get these to me ASAP, I'd be very grateful.

Ngā mihi

Adele

Adele [REDACTED] (she/her) | Principal Advisor Voting Services | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
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EMS81-WKSHEET Headquarters Official Count Worksheet

Voting Place	39-034 Pukekohe Intermediate School, 44 Queen Street, Pukekohe <small>ERROR: TOTALS DO NOT BALANCE</small>	Ballot Papers Used (from Form G)	1156
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Electorate for these Ballot Papers	Port Waikato (ED)	Total Ballot Papers Used (No. of ballot papers minus post-writ transfers)	1156
		Minus Ordinary Votes Disallowed (Post-writ deletions and dual votes)	0
		Minus Spoilt Ballot Papers (from Form G)	4
		Total Votes	1152

Party	ACT New Zealand	Animal Justice Party	Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	DemocracyNZ	Freedoms NZ	Green Party	Labour Party	Leighton Baker Party	National Party	New Conservatives	New Nation Party	New Zealand First Party	New Zealand Loyal	NewZeal	Te Pāti Māori	The Opportunities Party (TOP)	Women's Rights Party	Informal Votes	TOTALS	
Party Votes	125	3	8	7	6	63	292	505	0	1	86	15	9	5	16	0	0	11	1152	
BAYLY, Andrew (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BAYLY, Andrew (poll cancelled)
BRIGHT, Scotty (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BRIGHT, Scotty (poll cancelled)
BUCHANAN, Karla (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BUCHANAN, Karla (poll cancelled)
CHRISTENSEN, Neil (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CHRISTENSEN, Neil (poll cancelled)
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KEEL, Gwendoline (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	KEEL, Gwendoline (poll cancelled)
RIPPON, Anna Joy (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RIPPON, Anna Joy (poll cancelled)
SUDHAMALLA, Vijay (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SUDHAMALLA, Vijay (poll cancelled)
TURNER, Kim (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TURNER, Kim (poll cancelled)
Informal Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Informal Votes
Candidate Vote Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Candidate Vote Totals
Difference To Party Votes	125	3	8	7	6	63	292	505	0	1	86	15	9	5	16	0	0	11	1152	
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BUCHANAN, Karla (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BUCHANAN, Karla (poll cancelled)
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RIPPON, Anna Joy (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RIPPON, Anna Joy (poll cancelled)
SUDHAMALLA, Vijay (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SUDHAMALLA, Vijay (poll cancelled)
TURNER, Kim (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TURNER, Kim (poll cancelled)
Informal Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Informal Votes
Candidate Vote Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Candidate Vote Totals
Difference To Party Votes																				

EMS82-CERT Official Count Voting Place Results Certificate

Voting Place Name and Number	39-034 Pukekohe Intermediate School, 44 Queen Street, Pukekohe
Electorate for these Ballot Papers	Port Waikato (ED)

Number of ballot papers used	1156
Ordinary votes disallowed	0
Spoilt ballot papers	4
Ballot papers issued & not returned	0

Electoral Candidate Votes				
Candidate Informal Votes				0
Total Candidate Votes				0

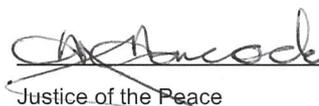
Party Votes				
ACT New Zealand		1	2	5
Animal Justice Party				3
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party				8
DemocracyNZ				7
Freedoms NZ				6
Green Party			6	3
Labour Party		2	9	2
Leighton Baker Party		5	0	5
National Party				0
New Conservatives				1
New Nation Party			8	6
New Zealand First Party			1	5
New Zealand Loyal				9
NewZeal				5
Te Pāti Māori			1	6
The Opportunities Party (TOP)				0
Women's Rights Party				0
Party Informal Votes			1	1
Total Party Votes	1	1	5	2

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Justice of the Peace

Hilary Jane Hancock JP
 #12125
 Pukekohe
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Voting Place	38-005 Karaka Pavilion, NZ Bloodstock Centre, 10 Hinau Road, Karaka <small>ERROR: TOTALS DO NOT BALANCE</small>	Ballot Papers Used (from Form G)	29
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		Total Votes	29

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Party Votes	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	15	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	29	
BAYLY, Andrew (poll cancelled)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BAYLY, Andrew (poll cancelled)
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Number of ballot papers used	29
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Spoilt ballot papers	0
Ballot papers issued & not returned	0

Electoral Candidate Votes				
Candidate Informal Votes				0
Total Candidate Votes				0

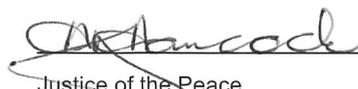
Party Votes				
ACT New Zealand				6
Animal Justice Party				0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party				0
DemocracyNZ				0
Freedoms NZ				0
Green Party				0
Labour Party				2
Leighton Baker Party				2
National Party				0
New Conservatives			1	5
New Nation Party				0
New Zealand First Party				0
New Zealand Loyal				0
NewZeal				0
Te Pāti Māori				2
The Opportunities Party (TOP)				2
Women's Rights Party				0
Party Informal Votes				0
Total Party Votes			2	9

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MEDIA RELEASE

7 November 2023
Electoral Commission
Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

Corrections to be made to a small number of results

The Electoral Commission is working to resolve a small number of data entry errors in the general election official results.

“The number of votes involved is low. It has little impact on the party vote and does not affect the overall results, successful candidates or allocation of seats at all,” says Karl Le Quesne, Chief Electoral Officer.

Some party votes were recorded in the incorrect row for two voting places in Port Waikato and one voting place in Ilam.

The certificates for the results will be updated and signed by the Returning Office (Electorate Manager) and a Justice of the Peace. Any scrutineers who were present for those official counts can also be present when the results are updated.

An amended declaration of the results will be published on www.electionresults.govt.nz and in the New Zealand Gazette.

“We apologise that these data entry errors were not picked up in the checks made before the official results were published. They should have been corrected and we regret that didn’t happen,” says Karl Le Quesne.

“A full check of all voting place results is being undertaken immediately to establish if there are any other transcription errors,” says Karl Le Quesne.

Acting Electoral Commission Board Chair Jane Meares says she has full confidence in the integrity of the election process and the results.

“A large amount of data needs to be entered to produce the results for a general election, and some mistakes due to human error can occur. However, the Board will commission an independent review of the quality assurance processes in place.”

ENDS

Media note – table of changes attached.

Port Waikato, Karaka Pavilion, NZ Bloodstock Centre	Recorded votes	Correct votes
ACT New Zealand	6	6
Animal Justice Party	0	0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	0	0
DemocracyNZ	0	0
Freedoms NZ	0	0
Green Party	0	2
Labour Party	2	2
Leighton Baker Party	2	0
National Party	0	15
New Conservatives	15	0
New Nation Party	0	0
New Zealand First Party	0	0
New Zealand Loyal	0	0
NewZeal	0	0
Te Pāti Māori	2	2
The Opportunities Party (TOP)	2	2
Women's Rights Party	0	0
Informal	0	0

Port Waikato, Pukekohe Intermediate School	Recorded votes	Correct votes
ACT New Zealand	125	125
Animal Justice Party	3	3
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	8	8
DemocracyNZ	7	7
Freedoms NZ	6	6
Green Party	63	63
Labour Party	292	292
Leighton Baker Party	505	0
National Party	0	505
New Conservatives	1	0
New Nation Party	86	1
New Zealand First Party	15	86
New Zealand Loyal	9	15
NewZeal	5	9
Te Pāti Māori	16	5
The Opportunities Party (TOP)	0	16
Women's Rights Party	0	0
Informal	11	11

Ilam, Wolfbrook Arena, Addington	Recorded votes	Correct votes
ACT New Zealand	4	4
Animal Justice Party	0	0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	0	0
DemocracyNZ	0	0
Freedoms NZ	5	0
Green Party	8	5
Labour Party	1	8
Leighton Baker Party	18	1
National Party	0	18
New Conservatives	0	0
New Nation Party	0	0
New Zealand First Party	0	0
New Zealand Loyal	0	0
NewZeal	0	0
Te Pāti Māori	0	0
The Opportunities Party (TOP)	4	4
Women's Rights Party	0	0
Informal	0	0