

26 July 2024

By email to:

Dear

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/49

On 15 July you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

can I under the provisions of the Official Information Act 19823 can I please have a copy of Labours Tamati Coffee's 2023 Election Return?

Additionally, can you examine it with a investigate this inquiry to ensure that this vehicle was not in fact the one supplied for his term of Parliament exclusively.

Please find attached Tamati Coffey's return of electorate candidate donations and expenses for the 2024 general election (candidate return). This return is publicly available on the Commission's website here.

Tamati Coffey's candidate return lists 'car magnets' as an election expense.

There does not appear to be a breach of the Electoral Act 1993. Parliamentary Service has confirmed that Members of Parliament (other than certain office holders) are not provided with cars for regular use. They are eligible for certain travel services, including use of rental cars for a parliamentary purpose. For further information about MP entitlements and rules, or if you have reason to believe a member was using a vehicle paid for with parliamentary funding for electioneering activities, you can make contact directly to the Parliamentary Service at directloscoperations.advice@parliament.govt.nz.

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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