



24 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 October 2019 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*The voter turnout figures for the 2019 triennial school boards of trustees elections.
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Just to confirm: the Ministry of Education doesn't hold the number of voters who had voted (versus the number of eligible voters) in the 2004 or 2001 board trustee triennial elections"*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Our response to your questions is outlined below:

**The voter turnout figures for the 2019 triennial school boards of trustees elections.
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Please find the requested data for the 2019 triennial school boards of trustees elections attached to this letter as **Appendix A**. Please note that due to data quality issues, the voter turnout information from some schools has been excluded from the final calculations. In addition, not all schools provide complete or accurate data on their triennial election voter turnout.

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As per our previous response of 9 August 2019 no data on voter turnout in triennial elections prior to 2007 is available. Data collection on elections before 2007 focused on candidates, not voting patterns. As such, this request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act, on the grounds that the data set you have requested does not exist.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely,

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