

From: Sharon Bodeker
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Dunedin City Council Election 2019
Date: Friday, 24 January 2020 12:15:00 p.m.

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request for information about the 2019 election below, and I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

Although you have not specified which security aspect you would like information on, I have assumed your main interest is on the security of votes cast in the election. On that basis, I can confirm that Council again contracted electionz.com Ltd to process the Dunedin City Council voting papers for the 2019 triennial elections.

electionz.com Ltd is an election management company based in Christchurch and is one of two companies that provide a vote processing service within New Zealand. For the 2019 triennial elections, electionz.com Ltd processed votes for 42 councils.

In accordance with the Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM) best practice guidelines, electionz.com Ltd engage Deloitte to undertake a fit for purpose audit of its software, vote processing site and systems prior to the commencement of any vote processing. The Deloitte audit report confirmed that the electionz.com Ltd procedures, equipment and software were fit for purpose. Because the Deloitte audit report contains detailed analysis of processes undertaken, it is commercially sensitive and is not available for public release, however notably, it was released to the District Court Judge for consideration in the recent Wellington City Council mayoral election re-count application.

Aside from the engagement of electionz.com Ltd to carry out vote processing requirements, Dunedin City Council undertook the following general security procedures as required under the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 or as outlined in the SOLGM best practice guideline:

- All staff engaged on election work were required to sign non-disclosure declarations
- All election documents held at the DCC during the election period were securely locked away daily
- All voter pack preparation work was carried out by experienced staff, trained in the use of the voting document preparation software
- Special votes were issued by experienced staff, familiar with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001
- Any votes returned to the Dunedin City Council were held in secure ballot boxes and transferred to the vote processing centre by secure courier or direct by council staff
- Justices of the Peace were appointed to observe the vote processing. Those JPs duly signed declarations confirming their satisfaction that the vote processing had been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001
- After declaration of the election result the processed voting papers and supporting materials were subsequently lodged with the Dunedin District Court for secure destruction.

I trust that this answers your request.

Kind regards

Sharon Bodeker

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: 3 December 2019 at 6:29:21 PM NZDT

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Subject: Dunedin City Council Election 2019

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Dear Sue

In accordance with the **Purpose and Principles of Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA)** I would like to be informed of the security procedures that the Dunedin City Council enacted to ensure the integrity of the Dunedin City Council Election 2019.

Yours faithfully

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