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Dear Mr Luke,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – OUR REFERENCE: IR-01-19-26935**

Thank you for your request, in which you asked:

*["http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/3799641/Buddhist-nun-welcomes-new-police](http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/3799641/Buddhist-nun-welcomes-new-police)  
I would like to know how many police wing patron we have now and who they are, if you have their bio it would be great. Also I would like to know what is the selection process to determine who going to become the next patron for next wing? Can public nominate people and who is in charge of this patron selection programme? Does patron's travel cost to police college meets by the Police? any other benefit patron received while doing patron business and what exactly patron do?"*

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

The selection of wing patrons is a process carried out in the Office of the Commissioner. We receive recommendations from various quarters. There is nothing to prevent a member of the public reaching out to suggest any individual they believe might make a suitable candidate. We aim to select wing patrons who are experienced leaders in their communities, who have the skill, motivation, and temperament to be good mentors and role models to Police recruits. The appointment of a patron to a recruit wing is made by the Commissioner of Police.

Wing patrons are expected to attend wing ceremonies, such as the pōwhiri for recruits, their attestation, and graduation. We also encourage our patrons to have as much contact with their Wing as possible to provide mentoring and ongoing liaison. Their travel costs to attend wing events may be covered by Police where reasonable, but there are no other benefits attached to the appointment.

Please find attached to this letter a complete list of wing patrons since 1956, and short biographies of some of our most recent wing patrons.

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If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you have the right to refer the matter to the Office of the Ombudsmen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cassandra Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cassandra" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Anderson".

Cassandra Anderson  
Chief Of Staff  
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