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Dear Kay

OIA request 2021-0374 - Request for citizenship ceremony schedule

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 13 January 2021.

You requested –

- *Please provide the schedule for citizenship ceremonies in Manukau(2021), Auckland.*

I must advise that a decision was made after the Christchurch attacks not to publish citizenship ceremony dates and times.

Your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 9(2)(c) of the Act; avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public.

If a person has been approved for grant of citizenship, they will be invited to attend the next available ceremony. Please note that citizenship applicants are allocated to ceremonies in order of approval. Should they wish to determine when their ceremony may be taking place, they can email the Department's ceremonies team directly at CitizenshipCeremonies@dia.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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