



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Ref: OIA-2020/21-0366

Dear J Smith

### **Official Information Act request: The Queen Platinum Jubilee update**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 12 February 2021. You requested:

*“Acknowledging your response to OIA-2019/20-0111 dated 19 September 2019, and appreciating that, as stated in this response, New Zealand has not previously issued a medal to commemorate a Sovereign's jubilee or coronation.*

*Due to the extraordinary nature of a Platinum Jubilee I would be grateful for any further discussions/decision/advice issued by the Cabinet Office since the above response on the likelihood of New Zealand issuing a Platinum Jubilee Medal similar to that proposed by the UK, Canada and Caribbean Commonwealth nations.”*

At the time of writing, no decisions have been taken regarding Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

New Zealand has not previously issued its own, separate medal to commemorate a Sovereign's jubilee or coronation, (although there have been New Zealanders who have received United Kingdom jubilee or coronation medals in the past).

A decision as to whether New Zealand would issue its own medal is one for the Prime Minister of the day, on the advice of the Cabinet Office, and with formal approval from the Queen.

The Cabinet Office has provided advice to the Prime Minister that falls within scope of your request. I am withholding this advice under section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion by or between or to Ministers of the Crown and officials.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

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We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

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**Clerk of the Executive Council**