



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Ref: OIA-2020/21-0537

Dear Mr Luke

Official Information Act request: Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 22 April 2021. You requested:

"1. What preparations Government has made so far in preparation for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee should Her Majesty be reigning on 6th February 2022.

2. Whether Government and the DPMC will issue a Medal Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen as happened with the Coronation Medal and the previous jubilees.

I have asked a similar request in 2019, I would like to know if there are any changes to your original response."

The celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Queen's reign in 2022 will be a historic event. Planning is underway for New Zealand's recognition of this significant milestone. As you will appreciate, there are a range of options, and the particular events and acknowledgements relating to the anniversary are still under active consideration. Announcements regarding the Government's intentions will be made in due course.

I am therefore withholding information that the Cabinet Office holds in relation to preparations for the celebration of the Jubilee under section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

In respect of the second part of your inquiry, 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 Jubilee medal is not part of the current planning for the events next year.

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

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Webster". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Webster
Clerk of the Executive Council