



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0038

Dear John Luke

Official Information Act request: Platinum Jubilee Medal

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 24 July 2021. You requested:

“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”

Since your request in May, preparations for the Platinum Jubilee have been ongoing.

I am withholding information that the Cabinet Office holds in relation to the likelihood of New Zealand issuing a Platinum Jubilee Medal 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; and
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between Ministers and employees of the public service.

However, I can advise that this information held is consistent with my response to you of 21 May 2021, that New Zealand does not have a tradition of issuing medals for jubilee or other significant Royal celebrations, and a Platinum Jubilee Medal is not part of the current planning.

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

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