



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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L Thomas

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Dear L Thomas

Information request – honours

Our reference: DPMC 112-2014

- 1 On 25 November 2014 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received a request from you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for the following:

“I would like to know who nominated Warren Tucker for the Queen’s Birthday honour he received in June 2014.”

- 2 This office holds information that falls within the scope of your request. I am however withholding this information under the following provisions of the OIA:

- 2.1 s 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 2.2 s 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied;
- 2.3 s 9(2)(f)(i), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of communications by or with the Sovereign or her representative;
- 2.4 s 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
- 2.5 s 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers or officials in the course of their duty.

- 3 Protecting the confidentiality of material about Honours nominations and appointments is essential to maintaining the integrity of the New Zealand Royal Honours system. In particular, the protection of such information ensures that those engaging with the Honours system can rely on the confidentiality of the process.

- 4 I do not think there are public interest considerations that would outweigh the reasons for withholding the information you have requested.
- 5 Please note that you have the right to complain about this decision to the Office of the Ombudsmen under section 28(3) of the OIA.

Yours sincerely



Michael Webster
Clerk of the Executive Council