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Tēnā koe Beevi

OIA request 24/25 0564 Request for information about the Hamilton citizenship ceremonies.

Thank you for your Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) request received by Hamilton City Council on 29 November 2024. Your request was transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 9 December 2024 in accordance with section 12 of the LGOIMA.

Section 12 of the LGOIMA provides that the information, or some of the information, to which the request relates is believed by the person dealing with the request to be held by, or more closely connected with the function of another local Authority, Minister, or organisation.

You requested, regarding the Hamilton citizenship ceremonies –

- *how many applicants can attend at the maximum on each date and sessions?*

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information under the Official Information Act (Act).

I can advise that the maximum number of candidates that can attend per ceremony is 135. Each candidate can bring two guests.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on its website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2.

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.

Ngā mihi

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