



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Tēnā koe John Luke

Official Information Act request: Legislative requirements for publishing New Zealand Gazette notices

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 28 January 2025. You requested:

I noted Gazette notices 2025-vr448 and 2025-vr452 and that the terms and conditions on the Gazette website state "All notices submitted must have a legislative requirement to be published in the New Zealand Gazette".

Could you please provide me with the legislative requirements relating to publishing Gazette notices for the appointments of ministers and Executive Council members. If there are none, please provide me with any advice given to the Clerk of the Executive Council relating to publishing Gazette notices for the appointments of ministers and Executive Council members.

Response to your request

The Cabinet Manual requires the gazetting of warranted appointments for Executive Councillors and ministerial portfolios. Paragraph 2.17 states:

All Ministers must be appointed as members of the Executive Council before they are appointed as Ministers. The Governor-General signs a warrant of appointment for each member of the Executive Council, and separate warrants for each ministerial portfolio. Warranted appointments must be published in the New Zealand Gazette. Each member of the Executive Council must take the relevant oaths or affirmations set out in legislation.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act. This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā

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