



26 February 2025

John Luke

By email: fyi-request-29912-f05e5a3f@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Luke

Official information request for legislative requirements relating to publishing Gazette notices

Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. We refer to your official information request dated 28 January 2025, asking:

Could you please provide me with the legislative requirements relating to publishing Gazette notices for the appointments of judges and lay members of the High Court. If there are none, please provide me with any advice given to the Attorney-General relating to publishing Gazette notices for the appointments of judges and lay members of the High Court.

2. In respect of the first part of your request, Crown Law's role is to provide legal advice to the Government, but not to members of the public. You will find that any such legislative requirements are publicly available on www.legislation.govt.nz, alternatively you may seek legal advice through services such as Community Law (communitylaw.org.nz).
3. In respect of the second part of your request, we have searched our databases and cannot locate any such advice. We have therefore decided to refuse the second part of your request pursuant to s 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 (**OIA**).

Proactive release

4. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.

Your right to an investigation and review

5. 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.

6. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@crownlaw.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully
Crown Law



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