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Ben

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Dear Ben

Demographics of recent Queen's Counsel applications
Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) dated 3 July 2017. As you are aware we extended the date of reply to this request and advised by letter dated 14 August 2017 we had decided to provide you with the information we hold relevant to your request as soon as it could be collated into the categories you had requested. This letter provides that information.

2. You have requested:

2.1 In relation to applications to be Queen's Counsel:

2.1.1 how many were received in total:

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Applications received	76	75	85	97	116

2.1.2 In relation to applications, how many were received from:

a. Male lawyers

b. Female lawyers

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Male lawyers	59	58	66	76	100
Female lawyers	17	17	19	21	16

2.1.3 Individuals giving their address as within:

- a Auckland
- b. Wellington
- c. Other North Island address
- d.. Christchurch
- e.. Dunedin
- f.. Other South Island address

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Auckland	45	43	51	55	64
Wellington	16	14	18	18	21
Other North Island	5	6	6	6	7
Christchurch	7	6	5		
Dunedin	0	1	1		
Other South Island	0	0	0		
South Island				9 ¹	13 ²

2.1.4 Individuals whose year of graduation with first legal qualification:

- a. Before 1977
- b. 1977 - 1981
- c. 1982 - 1986
- d. 1987 - 1991
- e. 1992 - 1996
- f. 1997 - 2001
- g. 2002 - 2006
- h. After 2006

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Before 1977	8	10	9	³	⁴
1977 - 1981	12	14	19		
1982 - 1986	10	8	13		

¹Searches have failed to confirm particular South Island addresses for the 2014 year.

²Searches have failed to confirm particular South Island addresses for the 2013 year.

³ Searches have failed to locate this information for the 2014 year.

⁴ Searches have failed to locate this information for the 2013 year.

1987 - 1991	22	19	19		
1992 - 1996	19	17	16		
1997 - 2001	2	0	0		
2002 - 2006	0	0	0		
After 2006	0	0	0		

2.2 In relation to appointments:

2.2.1 how many were made in total;

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Appointments made in total	13	12	3	14	26

2.2.2 In relation to appointments, how many were made who were:

- a. Male lawyers
- b. Female lawyers

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Male appointments	10	8	2	10	23
Female appointments	3	4	1	4	3

2.2.3 Individuals giving their address as within:

- a. Auckland
- b. Wellington
- c. Other North Island address
- d. Christchurch
- e. Dunedin
- f. Other South Island address

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Auckland	10	7	1	7	16
Wellington	2	4	2	4	6
Other North Island	1	0	0	0	1

Christchurch	0	1	0	2	2
Dunedin	0	0	0	1	1
Other South Island	0	0	0	0	0

2.2.4 Individuals whose year of graduation with first legal qualification:

- a. Before 1977
- b. ii. 1977 - 1981
- c. iii. 1982 - 1986
- d. iv. 1987 - 1991
- e. v. 1992 - 1996
- f. vi. 1997 - 2001
- g. vii. 2002 - 2006
- h. viii. After 2006

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Before 1977	1	3	0	⁵	⁶
1977 - 1981	0	2	2		
1982 - 1986	0	0	1		
1987 - 1991	4	5	0		
1992 - 1996	8	2	0		
1997 - 2001	0	0	0		
2002 - 2006	0	0	0		
After 2006	0	0	0		

3. You will note there are discrepancies amongst the totals of several of the figures noted above. These discrepancies are due to the fact some applications to be Queen's Counsel were received from overseas and/or were applications for special category applications or nominations.
4. You will also have seen from the footnotes above and below that despite searches some of the information you have requested has not been able to be located. This has also led to discrepancies.


⁵ Searches have failed to locate this information for the 2014 year.

⁶ Searches have failed to locate this information for the 2013 year.

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5. In accordance with s 19 of the OIA you have a right, by way of complaint under s 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely
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