

# Hon Jenny Salesa

## MP for Manukau East

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Dear Mr Luke

On 26 February 2018 you submitted the following request to the Department of Internal Affairs:

- I would like to know how people get selected to attend 2018's Parliamentary Chinese New Year Celebrations host by Hon Jenny Salesa - Minister for Ethnic Communities. I saw many people post their invitation online and I wonder how these people get selected, what is the requirements?  
Also, I would like to know can us (general public) apply to attend/express our interest or your department just select people from your exclusive pool.

Attendees to parliamentary events are invited by the hosting Minister. The Office of Ethnic Communities supports the Minister for Ethnic Communities in hosting some parliamentary events, including compiling an initial list of potential attendees.

Potential attendees to the parliamentary Chinese New Year event include those who are members or descendants of members to the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, those who have made significant contributions within or to the Chinese communities, and those who represent relevant key and community stakeholder groups. Government and selected diplomatic officials are also invited as a way of strengthening relationships across communities.

Given there are limitations around the number of people we can invite, expressions of interest are not taken for the parliamentary Chinese New Year event. I would, however, like to encourage you to get involved in community-hosted Chinese New Year events around your area, some of which I have attended myself. Please visit the Office of Ethnic Communities' Facebook page for more information about these events.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of my response to your request by an Ombudsman. The contact address is: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Alternatively, you can email [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Salesa'.

Jenny Salesa  
**Minister for Ethnic Communities**