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Dear Suzanne Newton

Official Information Act request: The Right Honourable Sir William English, KNZM

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 4 June 2018. Your request was as follows:

*"Given that William (Bill English) ex Member of Parliament has been Knighted in the Queens Birthday Honours, I would like the following information.
Who nominated him for such an honour
and what grounds were given for him to deserve such a high honour?"*

I would also like to know who was involved in nominating him and who supported the application

It is normal for such a high honour to be given if a person is ELECTED a Prime Minister (of which he wasn't), has an exemplary record including traits of honesty etc. The Todd Barclay debacle is an example that Bill English does not fit this criteria. The criteria also allows for a contribution to the community etc.

Mr English has never contributed anything unless there was a benefit to himself, his family or his business associates and has only given to his National Party for which he was amply paid.

Therefore I would like to know exactly why the current Government saw fit to make this appalling recommendation which makes a mockery of the entire Honours process."

The information that you have requested is held by the Honours Unit. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to the Clerk of the Executive Council, who is responsible for the administration of the New Zealand Honours system, under section 14(i) of the Official Information Act 1982.

The Clerk of the Executive Council has 20 working days from the receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Munro'.

Mike Munro
Chief of Staff

cc Clerk of the Executive Council