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Dear Mr Luke

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST-JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Ref: 71542)**

Thank you for your email of 24 October seeking all documentation relating to the appointments of Mr Chen Zhi and Mr Zheng Shija as Justices of the Peace for New Zealand.

I can advise that both these persons went through the standard appointment process, providing nomination forms endorsed by their electorate Members of Parliament, a curriculum vitae and supporting letters from community groups.

In addition three reports were received; a Ministry of Justice criminal records check and interview reports from the local District Court and Justices of the Peace Association.

I am withholding these documents under section 9 (2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 which protects the privacy of natural persons and section 9(2)(ba)(i) which protects information which is subject to an obligation of confidence. The latter ground for withholding applies as disclosure of the interview reports would breach an express promise that was made to the interview panel that their assessments would be kept confidential.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may complain to the Ombudsman in writing.

Yours sincerely



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