




EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

26 October 2023



Ref: OIA-2023/24-0226

Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request:  Assessment of a request to upgrade Private David Stewart's NZ Bravery Medal to a NZ Cross

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 4 October 2023. You requested:

"1. Reference A advised that the Prime Minister has declined my request to award an upgrade of Pte David Stewart's NZ Bravery Medal to a NZ Cross.

3. Without limiting the foregoing, as President of the Court of Inquiry and the author of Reference C, and pursuant to my rights under the OIA, I also request the following:

[...]

e) who made up the committee set up by DPMC to assess the request and what were their recommendations;"

This request was partly transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from the Minister of Defence's office.

No committee was established to assess your request to upgrade Pte David Stewart's Bravery Medal to a New Zealand Cross. The Prime Minister received advice from the Cabinet Office in relation to this matter. Our advice was consistent with the Prime Minister's decision as communicated to you by the Minister of Defence in August this year.

Accordingly, I refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Act on the grounds that the information does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

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Nāku noa, nā



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