

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

25 October 2024

Ref: OIA-2024/25-0299

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request: Honours process

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 27 September 2024. You

requested:

"Thank you for your recent reply- Ref: OIA-2023/24-0235

Can you please provide an update information on this if anything changed and can you also let me know the date/time that the shortlist has been decided for the past 5 year.

Further, you said "correspondence to proposed recipients as to whether they wish to accept a proposed honours appointment or award has been sent by the Clerk of the Executive Council on behalf of the Governor-General, rather than by the Official Secretary of Government House." can you please let me know when the correspondence to proposed recipients will be sent after the meetings. e.g. within 2 weeks?

Thank you"

The Honours process remains the same as that set out in our response to your request of 25 October 2023 and your initial request of 31 May 2018. The date of the last meeting of the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee for each list –Queen's/ King's Birthday (QB/KB) and New Year (NY) – for the last five years is set out below:

Year	KB/NY	Date
2020	NY	9/09/19
	QB	9/03/20
2021	NY	3/08/20
	QB	22/03/21
2022	NY	20/10/21
	QB	28/03/22
2023	NY	3/10/22
	KB	27/03/23
2024	NY	4/09/23
	KB	8/04/24

In relation to your second question, the Clerk of the Executive Council usually writes to proposed recipients within two to four weeks following the conclusion of the APH meetings, although this timeframe may vary.

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā		

Rachel Hayward

Clerk of the Executive Council