



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1 July 2025

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ref: OIA-2024/25-0945

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request: [REDACTED] KB 2025 Honours list

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request received on 2 June 2025. You requested:

Thank you for your previous reply, OIA-2024/25-0299

May I kindly ask when is the meeting decision date for KB 2025 list took place.

Also, do you have number of people turn down the honours per each list from 2020 NY list to now?

Further, how many nominations you have currently on hand for next round of decision

Response to your request

The Honours process remains the same as that set out in our response to your requests of 27 September 2024, 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 the King's Birthday Honours List 2025 was 7 April 2025.

Generally, ahead of a list being announced, a small number of proposed recipients indicate they do not wish to be included on the list. This varies from list to list. I have decided to withhold the exact numbers for each list under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect personal privacy as it may be possible to identify individuals given the small numbers involved. In making my decision, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act I have considered whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the need to withhold the information, and I have concluded that it does not.

At the time of responding, the Honours Unit holds a large number of nominations for the New Year Honours List 2026, more than 300 of which have been processed and accepted for submission. This number will grow as processing continues. Generally, the Honours Unit receives between 400-500 nominations per list.

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

5026353

CABINET OFFICE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, WELLINGTON 6011, NEW ZEALAND

Telephone: +64 (4) 830 5010. Email: CabinetOffice@dpmc.govt.nz

www.dpmc.govt.nz

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