



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Dear Unmesh Kant Shah

Official Information Act request: Platinum Jubilee separate emblem

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 21 January 2022. You requested:

Will there be a separate emblem in New Zealand for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

What are the celebrations and other commemorations planned in New Zealand for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

As Her Majesty is the first New Zealand monarch to reach a platinum jubilee, will there be places around Aotearoa New Zealand renamed in her honour?

Could you also send me a schedule for the events in New Zealand held to honour the Platinum Jubilee?

On 6 February 2022, the Prime Minister paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II in her Platinum Jubilee year and also unveiled the Platinum Jubilee Emblem for New Zealand. The New Zealand Herald of Arms, Phillip O'Shea, CNZM, CVO, has designed the Platinum Jubilee Emblem for New Zealand. You can find the emblem at <https://gg.govt.nz/office-governor-general/queens-platinum-jubilee/queens-platinum-jubilee-emblem-new-zealand>

In terms of celebrations and other commemorations:

- The Prime Minister noted on 6 February that The Queen has encouraged anyone who would like to mark the Platinum Jubilee to do so by planting trees, and announced that the government will make a donation of \$1 million to Trees that Count to assist with tree planting programmes;
- A 21-gun salute was fired from Point Jerningham, Wellington on Monday 7 February to mark the anniversary of The Queen's Accession;
- Wellington will participate in The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons, when beacons will be lit across the Commonwealth in early June.

The Prime Minister's statement is available [here](#).

There are several pages on the Government House website dedicated to the Platinum Jubilee, at <https://gg.govt.nz/office-governor-general/queens-platinum-jubilee>

Planning for some other events is still in progress. Further details and information about events across New Zealand will be announced as the year progresses.

Accordingly, I decline the remainder of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, on the basis that the information requested is or will be soon publicly available, and under section 9(2)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely



Michael Webster
Clerk of the Executive Council