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Tēnā koe Unmesh Kant Shah

Official Information Act request: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 20 January 2022. You requested:

*"Dear Jacinda Ardern,
Will the Government release a separate Platinum Jubilee Medal for New Zealanders in 2022 for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee?"*

New Zealand has not previously issued its own, separate medal to commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilees. As the Platinum Jubilee is a historic event, and Her Majesty being the first New Zealand monarch to reign for seven decades, the Government of Aotearoa New Zealand should release a medal for the Jubilee.

In an FYI request in 2021, it was said that the decision as to whether New Zealand would issue its own medal is for the Prime Minister. So what is the Prime Minister's take on this matter?

As we all know, the past two years have been very difficult for us all. So, awarding Jubilee medals to frontline workers and other heroes during the pandemic, will be a nice step and will also prove to be a moment of pride for all New Zealanders."

As you have noted, New Zealand has not previously issued its own, separate medal to commemorate a Sovereign's jubilee or coronation (although there have been New Zealanders who have received United Kingdom jubilee or coronation medals in the past). A Jubilee medal is not part of the planning for the events this year.

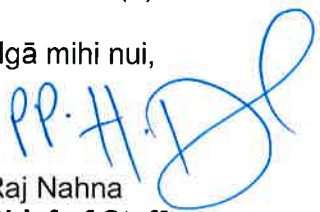
New Zealand's Royal Honours system provides a wide range of options for recognising the service and contribution of deserving New Zealanders.

On 6 February 2022, the Prime Minister paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II at the start of her Platinum Jubilee year and announced several ways New Zealand will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee through the year. A copy of her tribute is available on the Beehive website: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/pm-pays-tribute-queen-elizabeth-ii-her-platinum-jubilee-year>

Further information on the Platinum Jubilee is available on the Governor-General's website: www.gg.govt.nz

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

Ngā mihi nui,



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