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Tēnā koe J Smith

Official Information Act request: HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee update

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 24 February 2022. You requested:

"Following on from my previous request.

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/14665-hm-the-queen-platinum-jubilee-update#incoming-55021>

I am seeking information on when the advice referred to will be made public and details on the decision to award or not a commemorative medal for this auspicious event."

On 6 February 2022, the Prime Minister paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II in her Platinum Jubilee year, and announced some of the ways in which New Zealand will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee during the year ([PM pays tribute to Queen Elizabeth II in her Platinum Jubilee year | Beehive.govt.nz](#)):

- The government will make a donation of \$1 million to Trees That Count to assist with tree planting programmes across the country to mark the Jubilee;
- Wellington will participate in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons, when beacons will be lit across the Commonwealth in early June;
- The New Zealand Herald of Arms, Phillip O'Shea, CNZM, CVO has designed a Platinum Jubilee emblem for New Zealand, which is available on the Governor-General's website at <https://gg.govt.nz/office-governor-general/queens-platinum-jubilee/queens-platinum-jubilee-emblem-new-zealand>

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. 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>. The website will be updated as further events are announced.

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A Jubilee medal is not part of the planning for the events this year. As Clerk of the Executive Council, I advised the Prime Minister that New Zealand has not previously issued its own, separate medal to commemorate a Sovereign's jubilee or coronation. I recommended that a medal not be issued for the Platinum Jubilee, principally for reasons of cost and difficulty in administering the medal. Final decisions on the New Zealand Royal Honours system rest with the Prime Minister.

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



Michael Webster
Clerk of the Executive Council