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Tēnā koe Unmesh Shah

Official Information Act request:[Shah] Events for Platinum Jubilee

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 29 April 2022. You requested:

Dear Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, It has been two months and no new information about the Jubilee celebrations in New Zealand has been released. In a reply to an earlier FYI request, it was said that, apart from the tree planting and beacon lighting, there will be other events too in Aotearoa celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. What events have been planned?

Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom have all announced a series of events that will take place during the Jubilee weekend in June, and throughout the Platinum Jubilee year. New Zealand should also make public the events that will take place in the country throughout the Jubilee year, celebrating the Queen's seventy years of service to Aotearoa New Zealand. When will the New Zealand Platinum Jubilee programme be unveiled?

Events such as parades, exhibitions, concerts, illuminations, renaming places after Her Majesty, are among the many options through which we can mark this important milestone. What options are being considered?

Thank you for your continued interest in the planning for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As previously advised, the government has committed \$1 million to planting native trees across New Zealand to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. As part of this legacy project, the Department of Conservation, Trees that Count and Tapu o Tane will assist community groups, iwi and private landowners to plant 100,000 native trees at 15 exceptional native restoration sites across New Zealand. The planting programme echoes the Queen's Green Canopy scheme developed in the United Kingdom for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, but specifies that New Zealand's native species will be eco-sourced and planted.

On 16 May 2022, the Chief Justice, Dame Helen Winkelmann, Hon Kiritapu Allen and Joris de Bres of Project Crimson, launched the project by planting a kauri in the grounds of Government House in Wellington. You can read more about the event [here](#) and find out more about the project and the proposed locations [here](#).

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There will be announcements in the very near future about further ways in which New Zealand will mark this significant celebration.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



Michael Webster
Clerk of the Executive Council