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Kia ora Mr Luke

Official Information Act request: Justices of the Peace

You have asked for the total number of Justices of the Peace as of January 1 2023 and how many were appointed and retired in the year 1 January 2022 to 1 January 2023. You have also asked if that data could be broken down by electorate and (for electorates in the Auckland region) of how many candidates are going through the appointment process at the moment.

The Justice of the Peace registry provides only a current snapshot of presently appointed JPs and while I cannot give you the exact number of JPs at 1 January, I can advise that at the date of this letter there are 6768 current Justices of the Peace.

In the calendar year 2022, 232 JPs were appointed. During the course of the year a review of the overall register was undertaken which resulted in the removal of a large number of names in the register.

The register only holds a record of current Justices of the Peace and we do not keep a record of the numbers that have retired or resigned during any given year. It is possible to find lists of these and appointments via a search of the NZ Gazette.

I can advise that there are currently 288 applications at various stages under consideration for appointment.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on 0800 802 602 or by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely



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