



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0506

Dear Amy Taylor

Official Information Act request relating to information about King Charles III Coronation Medal

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 7 February 2024. You requested:

“I am writing to submit an Official Information Act request seeking access to any and all correspondence related to the decision-making process regarding the issuance or non-issuance of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Specifically, I am requesting access to all emails, letters, memoranda, meeting minutes, reports, or any other forms of correspondence exchanged between officials, departments, or any involved parties concerning the decision-making process regarding the creation, approval, or rejection of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Please include any discussions, deliberations, considerations, recommendations, objections, or endorsements related to the establishment of this medal, as well as any factors, criteria, or policies that were taken into account during the decision-making process.”

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 28 working days because it necessitated a search through a large quantity of information before a decision could be made on the request. Thank you for your patience as we processed your request. We are now in a position to respond.

Information being released

We have interpreted your request as relating to the decision-making process regarding the issuance or non-issuance of a New Zealand medal recognising The King's coronation.

We have decided to release the relevant parts of the **attached** document. Some information has been withheld under the following section for the Act:

- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

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The United Kingdom (UK) also issued a King Charles III Coronation Medal. Decisions in relation to the creation of this medal were taken by the United Kingdom. Eligibility criteria is available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64cb653b2322ce000dcd23b7/Coronation_Medal_eligibility_criteria.docx.

Some New Zealanders were granted approval to accept and wear the UK medal as a foreign honour. The process of approving foreign honours is set out in the *Rules relating to the acceptance and wearing of Commonwealth, foreign and international Honours by New Zealand citizens* available on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) website here:

<https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-programmes/new-zealand-royal-honours/new-zealand-royal-honours-system/rules-relating-to-acceptance-and-wearing>.

In making my decision, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act I have considered whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the need to withhold the information, and I have concluded that it does not.

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 DPMC'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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rg Hayward'.

Rachel Hayward
Clerk of the Executive Council