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Dear Mr Luke

## Official Information Act request: Justices of the Peace

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2020 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about the number of Justice of the Peace applications I have received, approved and declined over the past three years and in 2019 to date from the Auckland Central, Wellington Central and Christchurch Central electorates.

Please note that I became responsible for JPs in November 2017, and so my response is limited to the period of 30 months from that time.

Regarding the Auckland Central electorate, I have received six nominations and have approved four and declined two, one of which was a nomination made prior to my taking office.

I have received 10 nominations for the Wellington Central electorate and have approved eight nominees and declined one, while one further nomination is still in the appointment process.

There have been nine nominations for the Christchurch Central electorate and I have approved seven nominees and declined one, while one further nomination is still in the appointment process.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aupito William Sio'.

Hon Aupito William Sio  
**Associate Minister of Justice**