



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Tēnā koe Garrick Cameron

Official Information Act request: Evidence of reinstatement as PM

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 3 February 2022. You requested:

"According to the New Zealand Gazette notice 2020-vr5182 on the 6th Nov 2020 Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern had her resignation from Executive Council and from the Offices of Prime Minister accepted by the Governor General. On the 9th Nov 2020 JCL Ardern was reinstated by the GG solely into the role of Minister of National Security, Gazette notice 2020-vr5183. Who is the Prime Minister? Please supply all evidence that Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern has been reinstated as PM. Today I lodged a crime report with NZ Police to investigate JKLA for impersonating a public official/Prime Minister."

Following a general election, irrespective of the outcome and even when the composition of the government has not changed greatly, it has been the practice for all Ministers from the outgoing administration to resign as Ministers and from the Executive Council. This formal process, which marks the end of the administration, takes effect at the time of the appointment of the new administration (paragraph 2.20 of the *Cabinet Manual*: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual/2-ministers-crown-3>)

Please find **enclosed** the *New Zealand Gazette* notice of the appointment by the Governor-General of the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern to be a member of the Executive Council of New Zealand and to the Office of Prime Minister, which took effect on Friday 6 November 2020. This notice is available on the *Gazette* website: <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2020-vr5201>

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

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Michael Webster
Clerk of the Executive Council

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Appointment of Prime Minister

Her Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint:

The Right Honourable Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern

to be a member of the Executive Council of New Zealand and to the Office of Prime Minister, which took effect on Friday 6 November 2020.

Dated at Wellington this 6th day of November 2020.

By Command:

MICHAEL WEBSTER, Clerk of the Executive Council.