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Tēnā koe Angela

**OIA request 21/22 0797 Request for information about the Registrar-General**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 27 May 2021.

You requested –

- 1. Based on what criteria was the Registrar General chosen for his role?*
- 2. What are the qualifications and educational background held by the current Registrar General of New Zealand that make him suitable to carry the responsibility for handling of millions of peoples personal information?*
- 3. Is the Registrar General required to swear a Public oath?*
- 4. Is the Registrar General sworn to uphold statute?*
- 5. Is the Registrar General sworn to uphold the Crimes Act 1961? s240 s111*
- 6. Is the Registrar General required to have a Fidelity Bond or any other Public Bond?*
- 7. What is the starting salary package for the Registrar General, including perks, travel perks, accomodation, incentives, and and any increases in salary made during his entire tenure.*
- 8. In performing his role, what qualifies the Registrar General to receive any salary increases in the performance of his role, and are there any conflicts of interest?*
- 9. What is the starting salary for the assistant registrar, what is his educational background and how long has he been in his role, what salary does the assistant registrar receive in 2022.*
- 10. Is the Registrar General a Public servant?*

In response to your request I can provide you with the following information, which has been broken down by each question for ease of reading.

**Question one**

Please refer to Appendix A attached alongside this letter. Appendix A provides you with the job description for the General Manager Services and Access, which is the substantive role of the Registrar-General (RG).

I note that the R-G is currently on secondment as General Manager of Te Ara Manaaki, working to implement a new Births, Deaths and Marriages IT system. However, I can confirm that he retains his R-G functions while on this secondment.

**Questions two, seven and eight**

I must refuse these portions of your request pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This is because the withholding of any information the Department may or may not hold is necessary to protect the privacy of a natural person. I am satisfied that the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. I can advise however, that the salary range is currently \$172,082 to \$232,817.

**Questions three, four and five**

Department staff are required to follow the laws of New Zealand.

**Question six**

No.

**Question nine**

The role of 'Assistant Registrar' does not exist. This portion of your request must therefore be refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act; the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

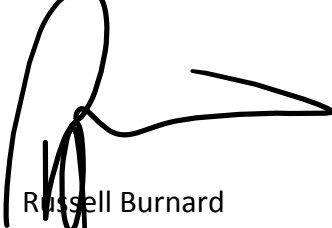
**Question ten**

I can confirm that the Registrar-General is a public servant.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa nā



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