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Tēnā koe Andre

OIA request 23/24 0978 Request for cut off date – citizenship ceremony Auckland

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 16 May 2024.

You requested –

- *Could you please clarify the rule about the “cut-off date” to a person being allocated to a NZ Citizenship Ceremony: e.g. if it is based on “Submission” date of the application or “Approval” Date?.*

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

I can confirm that if a person has been approved for grant of New Zealand citizenship, they will be invited to attend the next available ceremony in their area. I note that citizenship applicants are allocated to ceremonies in order of approval. Ceremonies are scheduled and run by the Council in the region in which the applicant resides. Should an applicant at approved stage wish to determine when their ceremony may be taking place, they can email the Department’s ceremonies team directly at CitizenshipCeremonies@dia.govt.nz.

For more information about citizenship ceremonies, please refer to the following website:

www.govt.nz/browse/passports-citizenship-and-identity/nz-citizenship/how-to-apply-for-nz-citizenship/citizenship-ceremonies/

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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Julia Taylor
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