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Tēnā koe Eddie

**OIA request 25/26 0969 Request for citizenship ceremony data**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 13 March 2026.

You requested –

- 1. Number of individuals who have been approved for citizenship but have not yet been assigned to a citizenship ceremony*
- 2. The oldest citizenship approval date who are still awaiting assignment to a citizenship ceremony and were never assigned the citizenship ceremony before.*

*Can you provide this information for the below districts:*

*Auckland*

*Wellington*

*Hamilton*

*Tauranga*

*Whangarei*

*Rotorua*

*Palmerston North*

*Whakatane*

*Thames-Coromandel*

*Christchurch*

*Dunedin*

*Invercargill*

*Nelson*

*Waimakariri*

*Queenstown*

*Timaru*

*Ashburton*

*Kaikoura*

In response to your request, please refer to Appendix A attached alongside this letter. Appendix A sets out the following information:

Table one – Number of individuals approved for citizenship by grant awaiting ceremony allocation, by Council.

Table two – Oldest citizenship by grant approval date for individuals awaiting assignment to a Citizenship ceremony (never previously assigned to a ceremony), by Council.

Auckland Council runs ceremonies in nine different locations in the Auckland region. This response reflects the data for all nine Auckland ceremonies. Please note that as on 27 March 2026, there were no individuals approved for citizenship by grant awaiting ceremony allocation in Kaikōura.

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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