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John Luke

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Dear Mr Luke

Thank you for your Official Information Act request relating to Justices of the Peace.

You have asked for the processing time for Justice of the Peace nominations over the last five years. From nomination to appointment by the Governor-General takes on average eight months.

I take your second question to mean how many Justices of the Peace have been appointed in the last five years. The total number of appointments made is 970.

Regarding your question about judicial Justices, the Ministry of Justice does not hold that information, nor do the Royal Federation of New Zealand Justices Associations who administer that role. I can advise, however, that there are currently 235 court sitting Justices of the Peace.

I trust this is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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