



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Dear John Luke

### Official Information Act request: Order of St John

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 9 October 2018. Your request was as follows:

*I understand the Order of St John is also part of New Zealand Royal Honours system. Can you please provide me with the any nomination documents related to Order of St John and nomination criteria. Also, where does the Honour list for Order of St John been publish each year."*

The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem (the Order of St John) is a Royal Order of Chivalry. Honours are conferred by the Order with the sanction of the Queen as Sovereign Head of the Order of St John. In New Zealand, the Order is constituted as a Priory. The Governor-General is Prior (head) of St John New Zealand, and conducts investitures for St John postulants. The insignia of the Order is included in and worn in accordance with the New Zealand Order of Wear (see the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website: [www.dpmc.govt.nz](http://www.dpmc.govt.nz)).

The Order of St John is administered by St John, not the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Honours Unit. As such, we do not hold any relevant nomination documents or criteria. I therefore decline this aspect of your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

The Honours Lists for the Order of St John appear to be published on St John's website. For example, you can find the St John Honours List 2018 at:  
<https://youth.stjohn.org.nz/public/news--info/st-john-honours-2018/>

For further information about the Order of St John, I suggest contacting St John directly.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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**Clerk of the Executive Council**

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