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Dear Mr McCarthy

Official Information Request - Justices of the Peace

Thank you for your email of 17 January 2019 to the Minister of Justice, Hon Andrew Little, requesting information on Justices of the Peace appointed in the Manurewa electorate during 2017 and 2018. I am responding as Justices of the Peace fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the Associate Minister of Justice.

I can advise that during this period, Her Excellency the Governor-General appointed Mrs Payal Sharma of Totara Heights and Mr Sanjay Prasad of Clendon Park.

Given that the nominees provided their nomination forms and supporting documentation in the expectation that such information would remain confidential, I do not propose to release any further details. Accordingly, your request for information about the ethnicity and community support for appointees is declined pursuant to sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982. In the circumstances of this case, the withholding of that information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you may complain to the Ombudsman in writing in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aupito William Sio'.

Hon Aupito William Sio
Associate Minister of Justice