



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1 November 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request: [REDACTED] Appointment of Governor-General

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request received on 15 October 2024. You requested:

I understand the reason that the Governor General is the representative of the Head of State, King Charles. Also that the appointment is recommended by our Prime Minister.

My question is what is the process to select the appointee.

Response to your request

The Governor-General is appointed by the Sovereign on the advice of the Prime Minister. By long-standing convention, the selection of the person to be the next Governor-General is a matter for the Prime Minister of the day. Given this, the selection process may change depending on the preference of the Prime Minister in office at the relevant time.

The Prime Minister is supported throughout the consideration and appointment process by the Cabinet Office.

There is an established practice that the Prime Minister informs the Leader of the Opposition as to who has been selected in strict confidence before the appointment is made.

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā

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