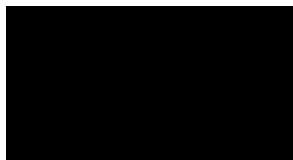



26 January 2021



By email: 

Dear 

Request under the Official Information Act 1982
Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I am writing in response to your email of 6 January 2021 in which you requested the following information:

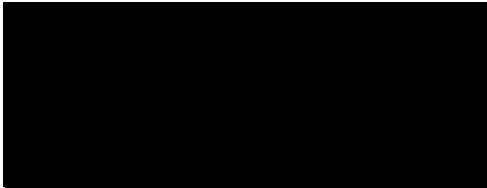
I'm after the current total number of Queen's Counsel office holders and breakdown of the total number by gender and ethnicity.

If this information isn't collected, can you please supply a reason why it isn't collected?

2. **Attached** is a current list of Queen's Counsel with practising certificates and a list of Queen's Counsel as at 22 September 2020.
3. There are 137 Queen's Counsel with practising certificates, 33 of whom are women. Since the appointment of the first women Queen's Counsel in 1988 (Sian Elias QC and Lowell Goddard QC), 43 women have been appointed as Queen's Counsel (out of a total of 211). I note that in both 2018 and 2019 there was an equal number of men and women appointed as Queen's Counsel.
4. The information attached identifies current Queens's Counsel, in accordance with your request. Please note there are in addition at least two women Queen's Counsel who no longer hold practicing certificates who are now judges Karen Clarke and Helen Cull.
5. We do not record as a matter of course information relating to the ethnicity of Queen's Counsel, but I understand at least one former QC of Māori descent and one of Pasifika descent.

6. More information about the Queen's Counsel appointment process is available in the Queen's Counsel – Guidelines for Candidates 2019 published by the Attorney-General and the Chief Justice published on 31 July 2019.¹

Yours faithfully
Crown Law



Crown Counsel

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¹ Available at: <https://www.crownlaw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/New-Guidelines-for-Candidates-2019.pdf>. For information regarding the eligibility for Queen's Counsel appointment, I refer you to s 118A of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006.

Queens Counsel who hold practising certificates

1. Robert Lloyd Fisher
2. James Alfred Farmer
3. Alan Raymond Galbraith
4. David Arthur Rhodes Williams
5. Colin Stuart Withnall
6. Kenneth Nigel Hampton
7. Colin Robert Carruthers
8. John Oswald Upton
9. Julian Grosvenor Miles
10. Rodney Eric Harrison
11. David Shavin (Melbourne)
12. Christopher Ardagh McVeigh
13. Gary James Judd
14. Heughan Bassett Rennie
15. Judith Mary Ablett Kerr
16. Michael Privett Reed
17. Paul Clayton East
18. Austin John Forbes
19. Denese Rosemary Bates
20. John Richard Billington
21. Stuart Bruce Walton Grieve
22. Anthony Cuthbert Hughes-Johnson
23. Ian Ronald Millard
24. Robert John Katz
25. Royden John Somerville
26. Kristy Pearl McDonald
27. Noel Wallace Ingram
28. Thomas Crowley Weston
29. Rodger Phillip George Haines
30. Peter Donald McKenzie
31. Robert (Bruce) Stewart
32. Andrew Hawksworth Brown
33. Donald Leslie Stevens
34. Mary Therese Scholtens
35. Grant Maxwell Illingworth
36. Philip James Morgan
37. Albert Harison (Harry) Waalkens
38. Michael Grant Ring
39. Miriam Rose Dean
40. David Paul Hearmon Jones
41. Brian Paul Keene
42. Bruce Dwight Gray

43. Campbell Alan McLachlan
44. Christopher Thomas Gudsell
45. Deborah Anne Tohill Chambers
46. Matthew Eugene Casey
47. Nicholas Allen Till
48. Robert Macrae Lithgow
49. Stephen John Mills
50. Susan Wendy Hughes
51. David Jonathan Heaney
52. Geoffrey Winston Russell Palmer
53. Jack Edward Hodder
54. Marion Jan McCartney
55. Hon Christopher Francis Finlayson
56. Michael Richard Heron
57. Christine Mary Meechan
58. Clive Lincoln Elliott
59. Daniel Hugh McLellan
60. David John Chisholm
61. Elwin Russell Fairbrother
62. Frances Mary Joychild
63. Gillian Mary Coumbe
64. Graham John Kohler
65. John Chester Pike
66. Jonathan Heyward McDouall Eaton
67. Justin Bane MacRae Smith
68. Kathryn Gail Davenport
69. Leslie John Taylor
70. Matthew Nicholas Dunning
71. Nathan Stanley Gedye
72. Neil Ross Campbell
73. Paul Edmund Dacre
74. Peter George Watts
75. Philip George Skelton
76. Philip Humphrey Brett Hall
77. Richard James Buxton Fowler
78. Simon Robert Jefferson
79. Terence George Stapleton
80. Trevor John Shiels
81. Peter Frederick Whiteside
82. Matthew Fairfax McClelland
83. Paul Thomas Rishworth
84. Antonia Christina Maria Fisher
85. Marie Jeanette Dyhrberg
86. Anita Chan
87. Paul James Radich

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88.	Stephen James Bonnar
89.	Paul Wilson David
90.	David Arthur Laurenson
91.	Prudence Anne Steven
92.	Paul Francis Wicks
93.	Richard Peter Boast
94.	Mark David O'Brien
95.	Margaret Mary Casey
96.	John Prebble
97.	Derek Nolan
98.	Aaron Perkins
99.	Kieran Raftery
100.	Richard Raymond
101.	Victoria Casey
102.	Una Jagose (Solicitor-General)
103.	David Bigio
104.	Jane Anderson
105.	Marc Corlett
106.	Vanessa Bruton
107.	Anthony Hewton Angelo
108.	Paul Leo Borich
109.	Adam Stephan Ross
110.	Suzanne Lee Robertson
111.	Grant Brittain
112.	John Christopher Leighton Dixon
113.	Campbell Thomas Walker
114.	James David Every-Palmer
115.	Andrew Richard Benedict Barker
116.	Jennifer Sarah Cooper
117.	Simon James McKenzie Mount
118.	Rachael Sarah Reed
119.	Greg Blanchard
120.	Leonard Andrew Andersen
121.	Karen Suzanne Feint
122.	Simon William Bisson Foote
123.	Stephen Matthew Hunter
124.	Julie-Anne Kincade
125.	Nicolette Levy
126.	Jonathan Paul Temm
127.	Janet Margaret McLean
128.	Paul John Dale
129.	Maria Jean Dew
130.	Margaret Anne Stevens
131.	Vivienne Anne Crawshaw
132.	James Richard Rapley

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133.	Fiona Elizabeth Guy Kidd
134.	Anthony James Frank Wilding
135.	Belinda Le Sellars
136.	Andru Nicolae Isac
137.	Robert James Hollyman

33/137 are women

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