

Mel Nebhrajani CB receives investiture

News story

Director General Mel Nebhrajani was awarded a Companion of the Bath (CB) in the New Year's Honours 2021



Director General Mel Nebhrajani CB was awarded a Companion of the Bath (CB) in the Queen's 2021 New Year's Honours. She received the award in recognition of her public service, particularly to government law, the legal profession and specifically her leadership and work on the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic during her time as Director of DHSCLA.

Now, over a year later on Wednesday 4 May, Mel, accompanied by her husband (pictured), went to the Palace for the Investiture Ceremony, the first day that the Palace held Investitures since lockdown. For the first time since 1904 the ceremony was held in the Throne Room, making the occasion even more special. Mel described the ceremony as a 'pinch yourself moment'. It was one that made her reflect on how far she has come, and how thankful she is to those who have supported her over the years – her family, friends and colleagues.

Noting this support Mel said: "No-one does this alone, and I certainly haven't. I am grateful for the support of my wonderful family, friends and colleagues. This award is not just for me – it is also for them and recognises the incredible work done across government during extraordinary times.

Our response to COVID-19 and our continued work in delivering for government is outstanding – I want to thank you all for everything you are doing".

She also noted, "I am not the only GLD colleague to have been honoured. Lee John-Charles and Sam Ede recently received their CBEs and I want to congratulate them too."

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