

27/02/23

John Luke

By email to: fyi-request-21857-e048c646@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear John

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/04

On 16 February 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

From Google search I noted you have called for independent member to set on the Election Access Fund Panel last year.

May I ask how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website. Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc. further, how many you have shortlisted and interviewed.

Please supply the pay rate and term of reference/job description of this role.

Also, the current panel member of the Election Access Fund

To establish the Election Access Fund Applications Panel, a call for expressions of interest was posted on the Electoral Commission's website and emailed out to our database of disabled people's organisations and other stakeholder groups.

We received nine expressions of interest from individuals seeking to be panel members. No nominations were received from agencies.

The nine expressions of interest were assessed against the criteria listed in the expression of interest document. The Commission selected three individuals, with assistance from an external disability expert. To ensure there was Tikanga Māori expertise on the panel we contacted Iwi and Māori disability organisations to seek interest. No responses were received. We then approached and appointed an individual who had been recommended to us and who met the criteria.

The current members of the Application Panel are:

- Dianne Glenn (Chair)
- Jade Farrar
- Huhana Hickey
- Robbie Watene

You can find further information about them on our website: [Election Access Fund panel | Elections](#)

In accordance with the rates laid out in the Cabinet Fees Framework members are paid \$50.40 per hour for meetings and time spent on panel business (meeting preparation, reading, etc.), and the Chairperson is paid \$71.75 per hour.

The Terms of Reference for the Panel are attached.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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