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Tēnā koe Mr Luke

### **Your Official Information Act request OIA 20/21-0064**

Thank you for your email of 29 July 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) from the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department):

*"I noted you have Racing Safety Development Fund Industry Working Group Local Government Funding Agency Royal Commissions, public inquiries and government inquiries under your administration.*

*I would like to know the current member of the each of above and their current term of appointment. Their pay rate and their job description. Also how you call for public expression of interest in the past and how you plan to call for expression of interest in the future and when you plan to call it (e.g. 3 months before their term expired or)"*

The information you requested that is held by the Department is available below.

### ***Racing Safety Development Fund Industry Working Group (Working Group)***

The Working Group consists of a Chair and representatives from the three racing codes. The independent Chair is appointed by the Minister for Racing.

The current Chair, Penny Mudford, was reappointed in 2019, and her term will expire on 1 March 2022. Her daily fee is \$655. She was reappointed via a closed recruitment process as her performance was assessed as warranting reappointment.

The representatives from the three racing codes are:

- Tim Aldridge (New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing);
- Darrin Williams (Harness Racing New Zealand); and
- Michael Dore (New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association).

Their remuneration and terms of appointment are determined by the racing codes, and this information is not held by the Department.

There is no formal job description for the members of the Working Group including the Chair. However, the Chair is expected to have strong governance and racing knowledge.

The next planned recruitment is in 2022. The Minister for Racing will decide what type of call for nominations will be used nearer to the time. This is likely to involve seeking nominations from parliamentary colleagues several weeks before the term of the Chair expires.

### ***Local Government Funding Agency***

The Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) is a limited liability company in which the Government has a 20 per cent shareholding interest. The Crown is a member of the Shareholders' Council, along with representatives from 10 other Councils. These are unpaid positions.

The LGFA Board is appointed independently by LGFA. The Crown is not involved in the appointment process other than as a member of the shareholding Council that ensures due process is followed. The Crown is also not involved in setting the remuneration of Board members.

Information about governance of the LGFA can be found at:

[www.lgfa.co.nz/about-lgfa/governance](http://www.lgfa.co.nz/about-lgfa/governance).

The remuneration policy can be found at:

[www.lgfa.co.nz/files/documents/LGFA%20Remuneration%20Policy%20-%20August%202018.pdf](http://www.lgfa.co.nz/files/documents/LGFA%20Remuneration%20Policy%20-%20August%202018.pdf).

### ***Royal Commissions, public inquiries and government inquiries***

There are currently two active Royal Commissions that the Department administers: the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Attack on Christchurch Mosques on 15 March 2019 (Royal Commission into the Attack on Christchurch Mosques), and the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historic Abuse in State Care and Care in Faith-based Institutions (the Royal Commission into Historical Abuse).

There are no plans for any further appointments to the Royal Commission into the Attack on Christchurch Mosques. In June 2020, Cabinet approved the appointment of a sixth Commissioner to the Royal Commission into Historical Abuse, to start after the General Election. The process to find that person is currently underway.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Attack on Christchurch Mosques is led by Hon Sir William Young KNZM (Chair), who was appointed on 10 April 2019. Jacqueline Caine was appointed as a Member to the Commission on 22 May 2019. Both terms are due to expire on 26 November 2020, when the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Attack on Christchurch Mosques is due to deliver its report to the Governor-General.

While there is no formal job description for these roles, the requisite skills, experience, and attributes sought were:

- proven ability to lead complex, system-level reviews drawing on a wide range of perspectives;
- knowledge of, or experience in, examining systems or processes affecting individuals;
- knowledge of the machinery of government and government processes;
- knowledge of legal systems and practices;

- experience working in the public eye without being unduly influenced by public comment;
- the ability to assess evidence dispassionately, but appropriately, with no predetermined view of the outcome;
- a sound understanding of intelligence issues; and
- significant governance experience.

The Chair continues to receive remuneration in accordance with his substantive judicial position, which is set by the Remuneration Authority. This information is not held by the Department. The Member's daily fee is \$1,350.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse is led by a Chair, Judge Coral Shaw, and four commissioners, Paul Gibson, Dr Andrew Erueti, Sandra Alofivae, and Julia Steenson. Judge Shaw, Mr Gibson, Dr Erueti, and Sanda Alofivae were appointed on 3 January 2019. Ms Steenson was appointed on 18 June 2020. All terms are due to expire on 3 January 2023, when the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse is due to deliver its report to the Governor-General.

While there is no formal job description for the members of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse, its complex and challenging nature requires strong leadership. The key skills and experience sought were:

- ability to support and contribute to complex, system-level reviews drawing on a wide range of perspectives;
- knowledge of, or experience in, examining systems or processes affecting individuals;
- knowledge of the machinery of government and government processes;
- knowledge of legal systems and practices or other subject specific expertise (for example, specific understanding of child protection and youth justice, health, psychiatric and disability services, human rights in detention/care settings);
- experience of working within Māori kawa and tikanga, and mana throughout te ao Māori; and
- experience working in the public eye, independently and impartially without being unduly influenced.

The following personal attributes were also sought:

- empathetic listening skills and the ability to work in non-adversarial ways;
- the ability to assess evidence dispassionately and impartially;
- high personal integrity and no irreconcilable conflicts of interest;
- resilience and the ability to commit to the task; and
- a focus on delivery and the ability to work on a tight reporting timeframe.

The Chair receives a daily fee of \$1,400. Commissioners receive a daily fee of \$1,350.

Please note that fees paid to members of statutory or other bodies in which the Crown has an interest are set in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework [APH-18-MIN-0271 refers].

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita Balakrishnan', written in a cursive style.

Anita Balakrishnan

**Director/Tumuaki Ministerial Advice, Monitoring, and Operations**