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Dear John Luke

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2020 requesting information relating to the Overseer peer review panel. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

I noted on your website <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/media-releases/review-panel-appointed-as-overseer-improvementscontinue/>. Can you please let me know how you call for public applications for these independent expert roles. What is the application process and how many you have shortlisted. What is their paid rate and what is the term of reference for this technical review of the Overseer environmental modelling software. What is the independent expert's job description.

Please see the below link for further information regarding the terms of reference - "Overseer whole-model peer review by independent experts: Project overview including panel terms of reference.":

www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/39938-overseer-whole-model-peer-review-by-independent-experts-project-overview-including-panel-terms-of-reference.

This document provides details of the application and shortlisting process (please refer to pages 12-14) and the role of the experts throughout the document. Information regarding the job description is also covered in the terms of reference, please refer to pages 4-7.

The independent panel's pay rates range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per day plus GST if any. Further information regarding the pay rates is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, *to protect the privacy of natural persons*.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you have the right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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