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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 11 June 2021.

You requested:

- *I would like to request a list of vacancy (ministerial or statutory appointment only, e.g. board member, Lay member, Trustee etc) that the nomination period has been closed but still under consideration by Correction or relevant Minister.*
- *In your list, can you please included the date that vacancy been advertised and when the vacancy been closed as well. Also, Any current live vacancy?*
- *Also, I would like to know if you have any future opening in 2021. e.g. the position that will call for nomination in the year of 2021, but not yet advertised.*

Generally speaking, how you ensure transparency and seek for public nominations for these positions you control and manage.

This response provides information on two bodies that have members appointed by the Minister of Corrections, the Community Impact Forum (CIF) and the Social Impact Fund Allocation Committee (SIFAC).

On 26 September 2011, the Board of Inquiry into the proposed men's Corrections Facility at Wiri, approved a site designation change, which allowed Corrections to build Auckland South Corrections Facility (ASCF) on the site adjacent to Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility (ARWCF) at Wiri. One of the conditions set by the Board of Inquiry, was the set up of the CIF and SIFAC. The Board of Inquiry also required the set up of the Tangata Whenua Committee (TWC) but its members are not appointed by the Minister.

The purpose of the CIF is to provide a forum for community and stakeholder involvement through which any issues of community interest or concern can be raised and addressed. The key focus of the CIF is to consider the effect of the presence of ASCF and ARWCF on the community. The CIF meets quarterly.

The purpose of the SIFAC is to allocate, review and oversee the funds made available by the Minister of Corrections for the purposes recommended to it by the CIF and TWC. The Board of Inquiry's decision required \$250,000 be budgeted each year to mitigate identified social or cultural effects. An unused portion of the social impact fund made available in any given year can accumulate to a maximum of \$500,000. The SIFAC only meet when there is a proposal from CIF/TWC to consider.

The SIFAC was established in November 2015 and currently has five members, two appointed by the Minister of Corrections (in consultation with the Minister of Māori Development), two appointed by Auckland Council, and up to two co-opted by SIFAC members following its establishment. The CIF and SIFAC are chaired by an independent chairperson appointed by the Minister of Corrections for a period of three years.

In relation to the following parts of your request:

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The table below shows all information in scope. The Chair was appointed more than a year after the vacancy closed. This was due to a number of delays including closure over the Christmas period, and a change of Government.

The two SIFAC members were also initially appointed in 2015. Both individuals were recommended by Corrections to the Minister, and subsequently reappointed in November 2019, based on their skills, passion and experience they brought to each role. As such, the positions were not publicly advertised.

There are currently no live vacancies.

Name and position	Date vacancy advertised	Date vacancy closed	Date of initial appointment	Date of re-appointment	Date of position expiration
Jeanette Burns (Current SIFAC member)	August 2015	November 2015	November 2015	12 March 2019	11 March 2022
Dr Laurie Thew (Current SIFAC member)	August 2015	November 2015	November 2015	12 March 2019	11 March 2022
Tony Kake (Current Chair – CIF/SIFAC)	September 2017	January 2018	12 March 2019	-	11 March 2022

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Corrections intends to start the process of either reappointing or appointing a new Chair for the CIF/SIFAC at least three months before the current appointments are due to end. This allows enough time for the Ministerial Process and the Appointment and Honours (APH) Committee endorsement to be implemented.

The process for selecting a chair and members for the CIF and SIFAC are detailed below. Corrections ensures transparency when selecting people for these positions by seeking nominations from various agencies and ensuring the following steps are taken, which include the input of the Auckland Council, various groups and members of the community:

Process of selecting a chair for the CIF and SIFAC:

- Corrections seeks nominations from the Ministry for Women, Ministry for Māori Development, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Auckland Council (as part of the designation condition) and the Ministry for Ethnic People.
- Corrections will review all nominations and recommends suitable candidates for interviews to the Minister of Corrections.
- The Minister of Corrections will review all nominees selected by Corrections and provide a short list of preferred candidates to interview.
- Corrections will hold a panel interview with the preferred top three candidates.
- Corrections will provide their recommendation to the Minister of Corrections on the successful candidate from the interview. A paper to the Cabinet APH Committee to recommend the appointment of the new chair will be provided.
- The Minister of Corrections will confirm the successful candidate with the Minister of Māori Development.
- The Minister of Corrections and the Cabinet APH Committee will confirm the appointment of the new chair.
- Corrections will advise all three candidates on the final decision on the appointments.

Process of selecting SIFAC members

- Corrections will propose two candidates for the appointment (one from South Auckland community and one from Corrections). The selection process will include consultation with CIF and TWC.
- Corrections will recommend two candidates to the Minister of Corrections.
- The Minister will seek the endorsement of the Cabinet APH Committee for the appointment.
- Corrections will advise the candidates on the appointments, brief them on the role and sign the Terms of Reference for SIFAC.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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