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Dear John Luke

Thank you for your email of 18 March 2022 requesting information on the Investment Advisory Panel and their term of appointment. 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/media-releases/new-members-join-sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures-investmentadvisory-panel/>  
Can you please provide the name of the Investment Advisory Panel and their term of appointment. Pay rate per meeting. Also the full meeting minutes for this panel from January 2020 to January 2022.*

The following information is released to you:

The names of the panel members are available on the Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Investment Advisory Panel (SFF Futures IAP) website linked below:

[SFF Futures Investment Advisory Panel | Funding and rural support | NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news/media-releases/new-members-join-sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures-investmentadvisory-panel/)

The SFF Futures Investment Advisory Panel (IAP) provides advice on funding proposals and active projects. The IAP is an independent group made up of 6 members. The IAP members are appointed by the Minister of Agriculture for a three-year term of office. They can be reappointed for a second three-year term of office. The current terms of appointment are:

- Mathew Hocken, Alistair Scarfe, Andrew Elliot: 1 November 2021 – 31 October 2024
- Lucy Griffiths, Anne-Marie Broughton: 1 October 2019 – 30 September 2022
- Zoe Attwood: 1 August 2018 – 31 July 2024

The Investment Advisory Panel board member fees are in line with the cabinet fees framework, you can find this information in the link below:

<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/Legacy/resources/CO-19-1-Fees-Framework-for-members-appointed-to-bodies-in-which-the-Crown-has-an-interest.pdf>

There have been 22 meetings for the Investment Advisory Panel between Jan 2020 and Jan 2022. However, these meeting minutes are withheld in full pursuant section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

For more information regarding MPI's current SFF projects please see the below link: [Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures projects | Funding and rural support | NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures-projects)

Please note SFF Futures replaced the Primary Growth Partnership (PGP) and the Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF). These are now closed for applications. MPI will continue to support current projects and programmes under previous applications until their completion. You can find more information in the links below:

[Primary Growth Partnership](#)  
[Current PGP programmes](#)  
[Completed PGP programmes](#)

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

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](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). 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 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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