

Thursday 23 February 2023

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Tēnā koe John

I refer to your request received on 8 February 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

“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.

I am also requesting the job description for the board member role and pay rate.”

Appointment of Jane Meares to the New Zealand Film Commission Board

Appointments to the NZ Film Commission Board are made in accordance with the New Zealand Film Commission Act 1978 and the Crown Entities Act 2004. A public call for nominations is not required under these Acts and was not conducted in the most recent round of appointments, therefore no nominations were received from the public or from Government nominating agencies.

In shortlisting candidates for the most recent appointment to the NZ Film Commission Board, Manatū Taonga undertook a targeted search of its nominations database. The long list of seventeen candidates was consulted on with the Chair Elect and four candidates were shortlisted. Two candidates pulled out of the process due to time commitments and two candidates were interviewed.

Members of the New Zealand Film Commission Board

The NZ Film Commission Board is classed as a Group 3a Level 4 body in the Cabinet Fees Framework. Members receive a fee of \$16,000 per annum.

There is not currently a job description, however Manatū Taonga refers to [section 17](#) of the New Zealand Film Commission Act 1978 for the functions of the Commission. Further information on the Board can be found on the NZ Film Commission's [website](#).

Additionally, the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage is required to make appointments in accordance with the [section 29](#) of the Crown Entities Act 2004, which states that the responsible Minister:

- a) *may only appoint or recommend a person who, in the responsible Minister's opinion, has the appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience to assist the statutory entity to achieve its objectives and perform its functions; and*
- b) *subject to subsection (1), in appointing or recommending an appointment, must consider the desirability of promoting diversity in the membership of Crown entities.*

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emily Fabling', with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Emily Fabling
Pou Mataaho o Te Aka - Deputy Chief Executive, Policy and Sector Performance