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Dear John,

Thank you for your email on 28 March 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"I noted,

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mbie.govt.nz%2Fbusiness-and-employment%2Feconomic-development%2Fstartup-advisors-council%2F&data=05%7C01%7CMinisterialServices%40mbie.govt.nz%7C0c4725a01302468c71c908db2ec17ecd%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C638155180828681274%7CUnknown%7CTWfpgZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCIQIjoiV2luMzliLCBTIl6k1haWwiiCjXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LZXW0QeBW2w896Zw%2F9DPXW0Q5eFN54GAkuT%2B9Kp%2F9mA%3D&reserved=0> 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 government nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc. The pay rate for its member, and may I kindly request the full meeting minutes since it's establishment."

Your request has been considered under the Act.

In May 2022, the Government established the Startup Advisors Council (the Council) for a 12-month term to support greater alignment of government interventions to develop New Zealand's startup ecosystem, enabling more targeted policies to address areas of greatest need.

The Council is classified as a Group 4 Level 3 body under the Cabinet Fees Framework. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) provides the Secretariat role to the Council. Please refer to the Council's Terms of reference available on MBIE's website: [Terms of reference | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment \(mbie.govt.nz\)](#)

The Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee selected Council members upon MBIE's recommendation based on their relevant experiences, skills sets, and ability to provide valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities that New Zealand's startup community is facing.

Te Puni Kokiri and the Ministry for Women were both consulted during the establishment of the Startup Advisors Council.

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Details on the fees are provided in the publicly available [DPMC fees framework](#) document dated 6 October 2022 on page 30: a daily fee for the Chair is \$308 - \$633 and members \$226 - \$435. A daily fee is payable when the Council meets in person.

The requested minutes from the Council's meetings have been proactively released and can be accessed through the following link: [Startup Advisors Council | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment \(mbie.govt.nz\)](#). Therefore, I am refusing these documents under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be made publicly available.

I trust you find this information helpful.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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