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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your email of 27 April 2023 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*...I noted "The Ministry has received 93 applications for this role – of which 87 applications have been declined and six applications have been shortlisted."*

*For each of the 87 applicants been declined, can you please let me know at what day they have been received the declined letter/email, how many are before the application closing day and how many are after the application closing day...*

The job advertisement for this role was closed on 14 April 2023. 55 applications were declined before this date and 32 applications were declined after this date.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman's office is available at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward Firth", written in a cursive style.

Edward Firth  
**Director of Ministerial Services**