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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2023 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*...I noted, Ethnic Communities Development Fund  
[Panel Members - Ethnic Communities Development Fund | Ministry for Ethnic Communities](#)  
All the panel member's term of appointment are "Appointed: July 2021 until 30 June 2023." May I ask how and when you would call for expression of interest after their term expired...*

The Ministry is currently working on the arrangement for the next Ethnic Communities Development Fund Panel Members. The details of this arrangement will be published on the Ministry's website in due course.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information requested will soon be publicly available.

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**