



**Te Tari Taiwhenua
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Tēnā koe John

Your Official Information Act 1982 request reference OIA 2324-0309

I am responding to your email of 7 November 2023 to Te Tari Taiwhenua | the Department of Internal Affairs requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

May I kindly request the full meeting minutes of Racing Integrity Board from 1st Jan 2021 to 1st Nov 2023. Also, please supply the conflict of interest register for each member.

On 9 November 2023, Te Tari Taiwhenua invited you to reframe your request as the requested information was not held. On 20 November 2023, you indicated that you wished to reframe your request and Te Tari Taiwhenua asked you send the amended wording of your request. A reminder of this request was sent on 2 December 2023.

On 4 December 2023, you provided the following reframing of your request:

... the copies of conflict of interest declarations made as a part of the appointments process at DIA.

On the same day, you were advised that the new due date is 23 January 2024.

As previously noted, Te Tari Taiwhenua does not hold an active conflict of interest register for the Racing Integrity Board (the Board). However, as a part of the appointment process, appointees are required to declare any conflicts of interest at that point in time. I am attaching, as **Appendix A**, a summation of the conflicts of interest declared at the time that members of the Board were appointed. Please note that the Chair of the Board resigned effective 31 December 2023 and is therefore, more accurately, the former Chair.

You may be interested to know that there is provision for conflicts of interest to be declared to the Chair of the Board and managed by the Chair. There is also provision, if any conflicts cannot be managed, for the Minister for Racing (the Minister) to be advised. To date, no such declarations have been made to the Minister.

The Board holds the conflict of interest register along with the meeting minutes. As the Board is not subject to the Act, I am unable to transfer your request to them.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek a review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email: info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Cauchi', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Cauchi

Tumuaki | Director Ministerial, Monitoring, and Capability