



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

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Tēnā koe John

OIA: 1319481 – New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO

Thank you for your email of 27 November 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations for the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO e.g. govt.jobs website.*
- 2. 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 with you most recent call for nomination.*
- 3. Also, can you please supply the term of appointment and member's pay rate.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The most recent call for nominations took place between 19 and 30 September 2022. An email was sent to Associate Members of the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO and to state sector nominating agencies. There was no general advertising.

One application was received from a candidate who was advised of the opportunity by the Ministry for Women. Other candidates were identified by the Chair, from previous nomination rounds, and through the Ministry's own research. This generated an initial long list of 20 potential candidates.



The current members of the Commission are:

Name (Commissioner role)	Date of original appointment	Expiry date of present term
Elizabeth (Liz) Longworth (Chair)	30 Mar 2023	29 Mar 2026
Dr Carol Much (Education)	9 July 2018	24 May 2024
Emeritus Professor Tagaloatele Peggy Fairbairn-Dunlop (Social Sciences)	9 July 2018	24 May 2024
Vanisa Dhiru MNZM, JP (Communication and Information)	27 Nov 2019	26 Nov 2025
Linda Falkner (Natural Sciences)	30 Mar 2023	29 Mar 2026
Associate Professor Daniel (Dan) Hikuroa (Culture)	15 May 2020	14 May 2026

With regard to your final question, the current member rate is \$8,961 per annum, based on an assumed 15 days of commitment per annum. The chair rate is \$18,025 per annum, based on an assumed 50 days of commitment per annum.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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