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Tēnā koe John,

Your Official Information Act request, reference OIA2425-0155

I am responding to your email of 14 August 2024 to Te Tari Taiwhenua | the Department of Internal Affairs, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I noted, you have recently call for nomination for your Archives Council. May I ask how you called 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 nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for your role. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed. When you expect the process will [be] concluded.

Responses to your questions are set out below.

How did DIA call for nominations, and what platforms did you use to call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website?

An open search process following Public Service Commission guidelines was used to seek candidates for roles on the Archives Council. This process involved:

- seeking nominations from the Minister of Internal Affairs and caucuses;
- seeking nominations from population agencies (Ministry for Women, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Pacific Peoples and the Ministry for Disabled People); and
- advertising on the Department of Internal Affairs' website, job.govt.nz, Māori and Pacific Jobs, TradeMe, and Seek.

How many applications did you receive from the public?

The Department has received 21 applications for the Archives Council.

How many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for your role?

One of the 21 applicants was a nominee of the Ministry of Ethnic Communities. No other applicants were nominated by nominating agencies.

How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed?

As a shortlist is yet to be finalised, no interviews have taken place.

When you expect the process will be concluded?

The Department anticipates that any new appointments will be made by the end of November 2024. However, this timeframe may be subject to change.

Access to the Ombudsman

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and 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.nz.

Proactive release

We intend to publish our response to your request on www.dia.govt.nz. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

Nāku noa, nā



Jeremy Cauchi
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