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Tēnā koe John,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2425-0159

I am responding to your email of 18 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 Fire and Emergency Board-Member Role

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 concluded

I respond to each of your queries below.

Response to your request

On 11 June 2024, Te Tari Taiwhenua began calling for nominations and applications for the position on the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Board (the Board). This involved an open search process, following Public Service Commission guidelines, and included:

- seeking nominations from the Minister of Internal Affairs and caucuses;
- seeking nominations from population agencies, such as the Ministry for Women, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, and the Ministry for Disabled People; and
- advertising on Te Tari Taiwhenua’s website, jobs.govt.nz, Māori and Pacific jobs, TradeMe, Seek, and through the Institute of Directors New Zealand.

On 13 July 2024, the last application for the Board was received. We received 53 applications from interested candidates. One applicant was a nominee of the Ministry for Women. No other applicants were nominated by nominating agencies. One applicant was nominated by a member of Parliament.

We are in the process of shortlisting applicants and expect to hold interviews in September 2024. I am therefore refusing your request for the number of applicants shortlisted and interviewed under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

We expect that any new appointments to the Board will be made by the end of the year, however, this timeframe may be subject to change.

Accessing the Ombudsman

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information on how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. The postal address is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Proactive release

We intend to publish our response to your request on our website at: 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Cauchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeremy Cauchi
Director, Ministerial and Monitoring