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Tēnā koe John

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 20 August 2024 for information regarding the appointments process to the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal – Te Rōpū Whakatika Kaimahi Hauora (the Tribunal). You requested:

*“May I kindly ask what is the payment rate for the member role, deputy chair role and chair role. Also, May I kindly have the current list of name for chair, deputy chair and member as of 1st Aug 2024 and each of them term of appointment e.g. appointment valid to 1st Aug 2028. Further will that be a warrant of appointment when they took the office? If so please supply an example copy of their warrant of appointment or letter of appointment”*

The updated list of Tribunal members, including new appointments made on 21 August 2024, is outlined in Document 1. This also includes information on the members’:

- Original appointment date
- Current appointment date
- Term end date.

Information on the members’ remuneration rates is outlined in Document 2. Please note the remuneration rates vary for the different health professions as these are determined by the relevant Responsible Authorities.

Members of the Tribunal, including the Chair and Deputy Chairs, are advised of their appointment<sup>1</sup> through a letter from the relevant appointing authority. In the case of the Chair and Deputy Chairs, the Associate Minister of Health Hon Matt Doocey is the appointing authority, while the authority to appoint other members to the Tribunal has been delegated to Dr Diana Sarfati in her capacity as the Director-General of Health.

The letters of appointment received by appointees will vary depending on the role and the appointing authority, however these will generally include information on the length of their term, including the start and end date. A memorandum is also attached to the appointment letters for

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<sup>1</sup> Appointment letters outline the relevant sections of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the HPCA Act) under which the appointment is made.

the appointees to return to the Ministry. This confirms their receipt, acknowledgement, and acceptance of the Tribunal's terms and conditions. Please see document 3 as an example copy of an appointment letter.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Turner', is positioned above the typed name.

Sarah Turner  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga**

**Appendix 1: List of documents for release**

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	4 September 2024	Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal Membership details	Released in full.
2	16 October 2023	Tribunal Member Rates	
3	HPDT template 2024	HPDT letter of Appointment template example	